

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
KING EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH



The congregation of this church first held meetings in the Proctor school for many years. In 1850 they bought one acre of land from Thomas Ramsden for 17 pounds - 10 shillings. The original trustees were Martin Bogart, William Hilborn and John Tatton. The original church building stood parallel with the road, running north and south with the entrance to the south. Many years later it was put on a new foundation and the building set east and west with a vestibule entry built at the east end.

On December 17th, 1931, the trustees then in office, namely, Ephriam Clarkson, Isaac Webster and Frederick A. Bogart conveyed the land to Elwood Barradell, who acted as a trustee in the transaction, and the congregation brought the church under the Baptist denomination in the name of "King Emmanuel Baptist Church" under the pastorate of Rev. B. Herdy. The first trustees under this new arrangement were Ephriam Clarkson, Carl Chalmers Black, and Harry Dales Webster.

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King Christian Church was one of the early religious sects formed in the new settlement of King around the fifth concession and derived most of its officers and congregation from the immediate neighbourhood. They were very fortunate to be sponsored by such families as Hilborns, Bogarts, Tattons, Dales, Websters, Barradells, Terrys, Ramsdens, Boadwins, Chappells and many more worthy families. As the years went by their descendents took up the work and carried on with such newcomers as the Bakers, Wilsons, Rogers, Mounts and Clarksons taking important places.

One of their beliefs, while not compulsory, was baptism by immersion. After a series of revival meetings, usually held during the winter, the ordinance of baptism would take place in Kettleby creek where it flowed through Mr. George Blackburn's farm. This service attracted a large gathering of people.

The ministers serving this church were called "Elders". This congregation was served by Elders Shoults, Hainer, Willoughby, Tatton, Percy, Garbutt, Chidley, Prosser and many others, while being connected with the Newmarket Church. The writer has in his possession a motion passed at a church meeting dated April 9th, 1888:- "Moved by Bro. John Barradell, seconded by Bro. William Rogers, we engage Elder Chidley for another year at the same salary, namely, \$400.00. Carried unanimously."

The social activities of this church were many some years ago. Starting with what was called "Grove Meetings" in the Ramsden orchard adjoining the church, which were usually held the first Sunday in July at 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. with a guest speaker. These meetings attracted large numbers of people and proved very popular. The same week a strawberry festival would be held. The fame of this festival travelled far and wide and as many as 600 people have been served a supper. This annual event was usually enlivened by a brass band.

In October the church shed would be boarded in, cook stoves installed and a truly appetizing fowl supper served to a great number of people.

These were the days when the church was flourishing and the usual congregation was sufficient to fill the church. They were always fortunate to have a splendid choir, who were capable of bringing honor to themselves as well as their church.

In earlier years what was called "Monthly Meetings" were held the last Saturday of each month when the older members would come for an hour of fellowship, prayer and testimony.

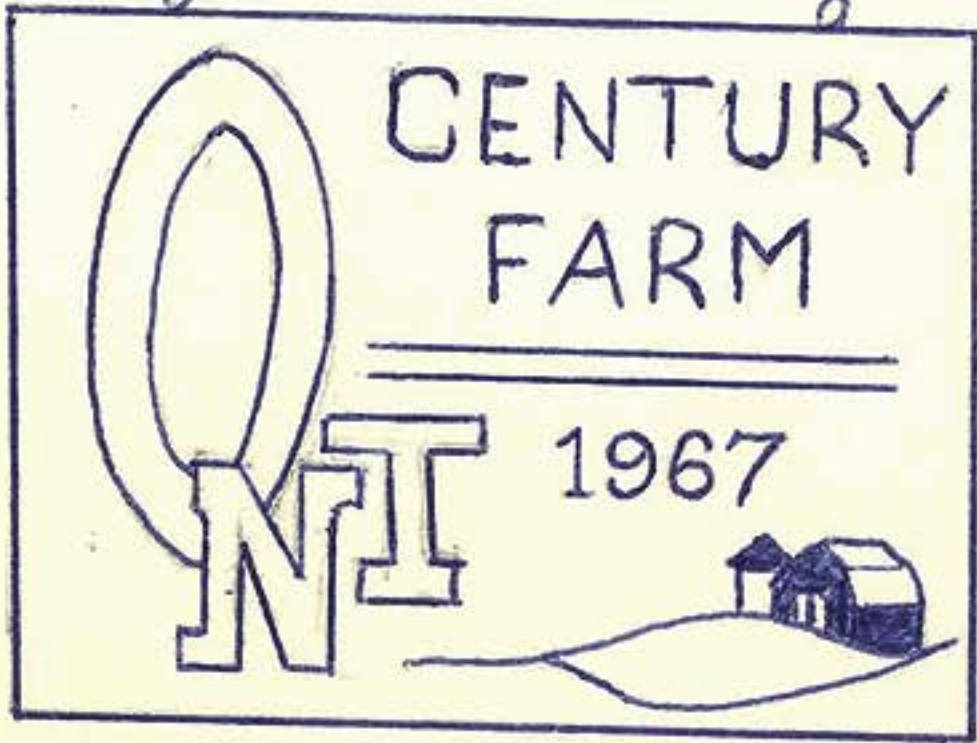
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The first wedding ever held in this century old building was that of Lela Webster and Stanley Barradell on March 22nd, 1922. The second wedding was that of their daughter, Sarah Barradell and James Patton on September 19th, 1959. As far as can be ascertained these two weddings are the only ones to be solemnized within its walls.

And now as a final item, the two acre property was derived from William Mason who owned the south farm and Thomas Ramsden who owned the north farm, the church being built parallel with the road, half on each farm. The story is told of differences arising between the two gentlemen in later years and when Mr. Mason attended church he seated himself just inside the entrance so as not to sit on what had been the Ramsden property.

Compiled by J. Frank Curtis.

In the early days a beautiful burying ground to the west of the church was maintained. Martin Bogart - born 1766 and who died July 21, 1812, age 86, was one of the oldest graves. The first interment in this burying ground was that of Rachel Tatton (nee Rachel Walton) wife of John Tatton in the year 1851. She died during the construction of the church and her coffin was made by the carpenters of the church building. Her son, Elder Jesse Tatton, who is buried at Brougham, Ontario, was a distinguished preacher of the Christian sect. For many years the grave digging was done by John T. Curtis for the sum of \$2.00, and this small amount was sometimes never paid.



THE BLACKS' CENTURY FARM

The earliest history of the Blacks was recorded in the book HISTORY OF TORONTO AND COUNTY OF YORK, ONTARIO, published in 1885 by C. Blakett Robinson in Toronto. The following was written by the author of that book:

"John Black, lot 14, concession 1. His parents came to Canada in 1800 and settled in the province of Quebec, where the subject of this notice was born in 1818. His father was accidentally killed in Quebec, and his mother afterwards removed to York County. In early life John was employed variously, and in 1840 he commenced farming. He bought the farm on which he now resides in 1843, and also purchased lot 2, concession 3. By thrift and constant attention he has been moderately successful, and has been enabled to divide a share of his accumulation among his children. He married in 1840 to Amynta Hilyer, by whom he had nine children; seven are still living, viz., Jerad, Joel, Zemas, John, Mary, Margaret, and Maria. Mr. Black took an active part during the Mackenzie Rebellion, and for the sympathy and assistance he gave that movement was imprisoned for a time by the government."

John Black as all of the first settlers built and lived in a log cabin for the first few years. In 1856 John employed Amos Lloyd to build a ten room farm house with a back kitchen. This structure was similar to others which Mr. Lloyd built in this area; examples are Aubrey Doan's home on the Third concession of King, Franc Joubin's home on the Fifth concession of King, and the old Timothy Hilborn home on the Hilborn sideroad.

The earth was removed for the foundation of Mr. Black's new home, and was used for making the bricks which were baked in a kiln on the east side of the site. In 1858 the house was completed and the Black family moved in.

In 1896 John Black Sr. died and left the farm to his youngest son John Jr. John married Martha Jane Stephenson in 1875, and had nine children; three are still living in the year 1967, viz., Gertrude, Len, and Howard.

In 1945 John Black Jr. died, and left the farm to his youngest son Howard, who at present owns the Black Century Farm. Howard married Joyce Reynolds and had twin daughters Elizabeth and Margaret, who are the fourth generation on this Crown land.

The rest of the Black history may be seen more clearly from the family tree centred around the owners of the farm.

THE BLACKS' FAMILY TREE 1818 - 1967

John Black and his wife came to Canada in 1800. John, one of his four sons started the Black Century Farm, lot 14, concession 1.

John Black 1818 & Amynta Hilyer 1817	Begat Jared Black 1838 & Matilda Billings Re-married: Phoebe Stephenson	Begat Tillie	
	Joel Black 1842 & Catherine Gleason	Begat Marshall Morley Mabel	
	Zemas Black 1844 & Fanny Rielly	Begat Minnie William Frank Bertha Addision Ross Mabel	
	Margaret Black 1847 & John Curtis	Begat William Elizabeth Norman Frank	
	Mary Ann Black 1849 & Henry Curtis	Begat Wellington	
	Maria Black 1852 & Thomas Kirk	Begat Herman Margaret	
	Joseph Black	Twin of Maria, Died soon after birth.	
	John Black 1858 & Martha Stephenson	Begat Laura Black 1880 & Luke Lyons	Begat Aubrey Marshall Marjorie Eva Orma Mildred

John Black 1858
& (Continued)
Martha Stephenson

Chalmer Black 1882
&
Alzetta May Ramsden

Begat Carl Black
&
Marjorie Ingram

Begat Carol Black
&
Donald Cober
Donald Black

Laura Black
&
Robert Carson

Begat Warren
Brenda

Bruce Black
&
Joyce Porter

Begat Sharon Black
Marvin Black

Clarence Black
Garnet Black

Frank Black 1884
&
Katherine Sutherland

Edgar Black 1886
&
Gladys Beaton

Begat Bethel Black
&
Ross Marchant

Begat Lois
Kenneth
Bruce

Kathleen Black
&
Norman Greensides

Begat Sylvia
Nancy

Gertrude Black
&
Harry Dales

Mary Black 1888
&
Alfred Nicholls

Begat Norman
Walter
Ralph

Gertrude Black
&
George Anning

Begat Shirley

Geraldine Black 1896

Leonard Black
&
Pearl Gardner

Begat John Black

Howard Black
&
Joyce Reynolds

Begat Elizabeth Black }
Margaret Black } Twins

DOAN FAMILY FARM - LOT 2, CONCESSION 3,
(OLD SURVEY) - KING TOWNSHIP

Ebenezer Doan was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. After moving to Canada with his parents in 1808 they settled on Lot 96, Concession 1, King Township.

The first lombardy poplar tree, now so numerous in this region was said to be a branch cut from a tree in Bucks County, which was used as a cane by John Doan on his journey to Canada. He planted it on his farm on Yonge Street and to the surprise of everyone it budded and grew into a large tree. From that cane, so the story goes, grew all the lombardy poplars on this area.

During the war of 1812, John Doan adhered strictly to the Quaker principle of peace. At that time farm produce rose to an extravagant price so that it was above the means of the poor. It is told that John Doan was never known to sell a bushel of grain at the high prices occasioned by the war, but always at the price rate before the war. An English officer, hearing that he had a quantity of flour for sale, offered him the highest market price. The answer was "Has thee got the money to pay for it?" "Why certainly, said the officer, or I would not have the face to make you the offer." "Well, rejoined Mr. Doan, if thee has the money to pay for it, thee may go somewhere else to buy. I keep my flour to sell to them as cannot afford to pay the war prices."

The Crown Deed for Lot 2, Concession 3, was granted in 1847 to Ebenezer Doan who was a regular worshiper at the Yonge Street Quaker Meeting House. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery beside the Meeting House. It is reported that he was a very serious, hard working and determined person. A story is told that he always wore a stove pipe hat. Once he was ordered to remove it when he entered a court room but he insisted that there were very few occasions that required its removal and a court room, so far as he was concerned, was not one of them. The hat remained on his head - there was some speculation on the fact that he carried his personal papers in his hat.

The York Historical Society has this hat in its possession and it was on display at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto during the summer of 1966.

DOAN FAMILY FARM - CONT'D.

Ebenezer had four sons and six daughters. He divided the farm to start one son, Timothy, in farming. After Ebenezer retired another son, Joseph, farmed the other half. The farm became one again when Joseph moved to Aurora and Timothy continued to live there. He had two sons - Calvin and Myron. Calvin farmed there for a short time before purchasing adjoining Lot 3.

Myron continued to farm on Lot 2 and when he retired it was taken over by his son Norval. In 1953 Norval sold the farm to his cousin, Aubrey, who is Calvin's son. Then, in 1958 Aubrey sold Lot 2 to his son, Calvin Doan. Calvin and his family still reside there and are the fifth and sixth generations to live on this farm.

Item of interest: In looking for references to write this history, a tax bill dated 1868 was found for Lot 3, Concession 2, King Township, the total taxes for that year being \$3.92.

"Calvin Doan"

The history of this farm can perhaps best be told through an article appearing in the Aurora Banner in July 1952. This was written by Irvine B. Whale, Associate Editor of "The Farmers' Advocate" of London, Ontario, the husband of a granddaughter of Clarkson Hambleton, the founder of "Clifton Farm" and written on the occasion of a family reunion marking the 100th anniversary of settling on the farm.

HAMBLETON FAMILY

"One of Kettleby's historical features is Clifton Farm in the occupancy of the Hambleton family. It is just one hundred years ago since Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson Hambleton purchased the farm on what was then known as the Lloydtown Road and established themselves there. They had five sons and four daughters, and besides this large family two nieces joined them. It is interesting to note that the name "Clifton Farm" was chosen by their younger daughter, who died at the age of 15, and the name has survived unchanged through the years.

During the one hundred years the farm has been in three ownerships only. On the death of Mrs. Clarkson Hambleton, widow of the original owner, her youngest son, Alfred, took possession. Since his death in 1936 the property has been held by his daughter, Ruth Hambleton Maginn, whose mother was Sara Elma Lemon, the daughter of another pioneer family.

On Sunday, July 13th, 1952, the descendants of the late Clarkson and Martha Lount Watson Hambleton gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Maginn. Letters of regret for unavoidable absence from the centenary celebration as well as floral tributes to be placed in Kettleby United Church together with telegrams were received from grandchildren throughout the world, and from the eighty-five year old niece, who once called it home, but now living in Galt, Ontario.

The geneological record of the family dating from 1751 was signed by each member of the family. Signatories were from Toronto, Barrie, St. Marys, London, Leamington and Regina."

Clarkson Hambleton was the son of Charles Hambleton of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who settled in the township of King on the fifth concession on Lot 32. Clifton Farm, Lots 27 and 28, was purchased in the year 1850 but it took two years to clear the land and build a home, which still stands after 115 years. For generations the family in the United States and part of those settling in Canada were members of the Society of Friends.

Township of King, County of York,
 December 5 1868
 Mr. Clarkson Hambleton
 579 CON. LOT 27 & 28

Amount of Assessment on Real Property	\$ 13 50	0
Amount of Assessment on Personal do	1 00	
Total, as confirmed by Court of Revision	14 50	
TAXES.		
County rate, 21c in the \$100	3 47	
Township rate, 5c in the \$100	83	
School rate, 35 ⁷⁵ c in the \$100	17 38	
Dog Tax, at \$1 each		
Bitch at \$2 00 each		
TOTAL TAXES, \$		16 68
RECEIVED PAYMENT, J. J. Webb Collector		

WALTON FARM HISTORY

JESSE WALTON was born in New Brunswick, being the son of a United Empire Loyalist who settled in that province after the war of 1812.

He moved west to York County, Upper Canada, in 1824 and bought a farm near Newmarket, subsequently going to Tecumseh Township, Simcoe County, which was then completely bush. During the first few years the section was so sparsely populated that they were months without beholding a strange face. In 1840 he came to King Township and bought lot 30, Concession 4, where he remained until his death in 1872.

JACOB WALTON, merchant, son of the above, was born near Newmarket in 1826, and after leaving school was apprenticed to the trade of blacksmith at which he worked for about ten years.

He was appointed Postmaster at Kettleby in 1853 and began the business of general merchant with a small stock of goods. He also bought his father's farm on lot 30, Concession 4, and built his present handsome residence in Kettleby in 1876, and also erected other property at various times. He was married in 1876 to Mary, daughter of Thomas Lloyd of King Township. They had seven children: Ellen, Frederick, Jane, Elizabeth, Jesse, Clara and Gertie.



The home of Jacob Walton (1826-1909) built by him in Kettleby adjoining the homestead of his father, Jesse Walton, built in 1873, known as Brunswick Hall, taken from the name of the ancestral province of New Brunswick where his father, Jesse, settled and named their settlement "Pennfield". They had come as Loyalists refugees from Pennsylvania in 1783-84 under the Quaker Settlement Agreement.



Kettleby General store owned and operated by Jacob Walton; later taken over by his son, Jesse M. Walton. Jacob Walton had telegraphy installed which was operated by his eldest daughter, Ella. The house adjoining the store was their residence where the family of Jacob and Mary Lloyd Walton were raised. Later the house was moved 20 or more feet to the west of the store. Jacob Walton had a tailor shop above the store where his wife, who was a tailoress, helped. His son, Jesse, continued with this shop.

WALTON FARM HISTORY



The original farm house on Lot 30, Concession 4, King Township, built in 1840 by Jesse Walton (1801-1873) husband of Eliza Buck - married at St. Andrews Parish, N.B. 1825.



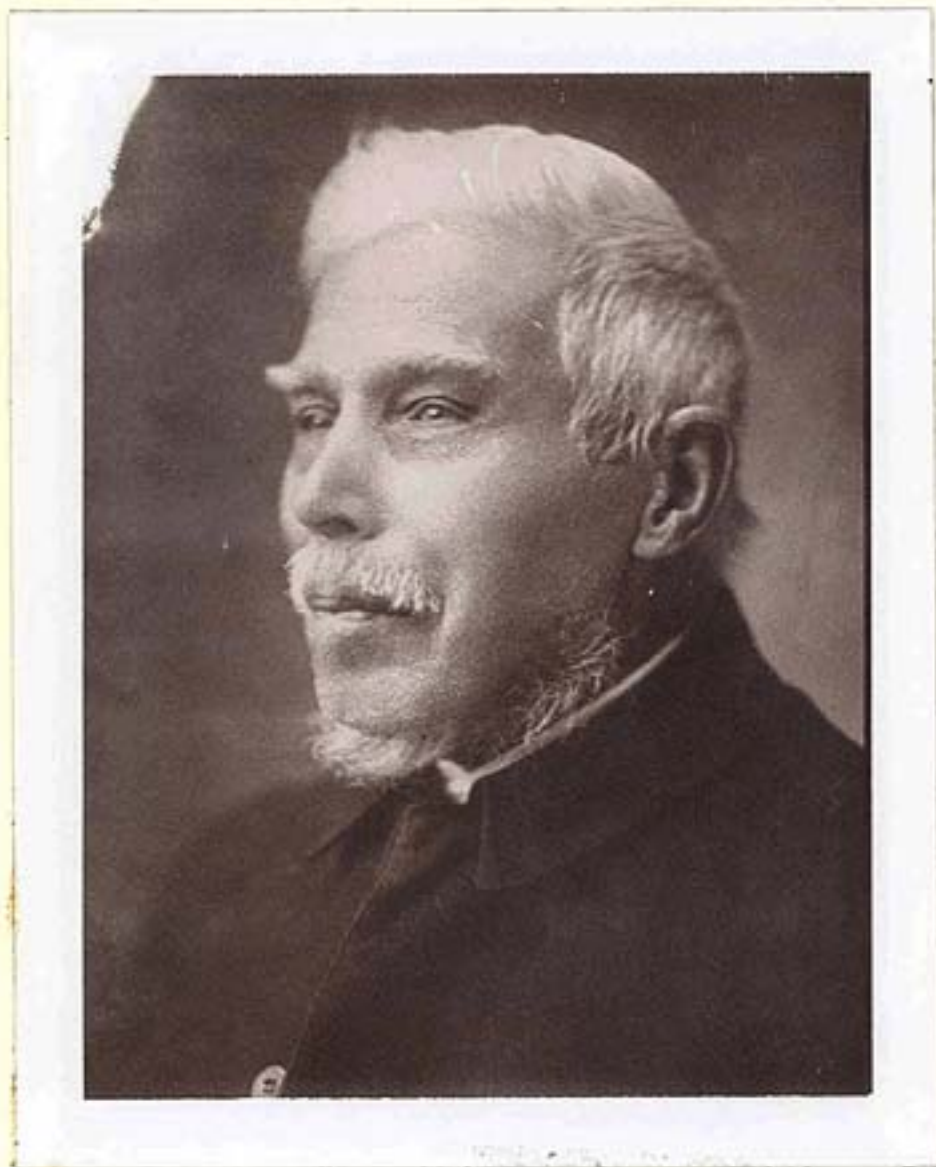
This shows house stripped of its rough cast face and ready to be resurfaced with red pressed brick in 1929.

It is owned and occupied by Charles Ubert Walton, son of Frederick Charles Walton, and grandson of Jacob - son of Jesse



The farm has been in the continuous, unencumbered ownership and occupancy of the family. Jesse Ross Alexander, son of Charles Ubert, is the fifth of the line living in the house.

KETTLEBY METHODIST CHURCH



Rev. Peter Addison, ninety three years of age, returned October 15th, 1923, to his former pulpit in Kettleby Methodist Church to preach the sermon upon its fiftieth anniversary.

In the same ediface which he opened 50 years ago with 20 members of the same congregation Rev. Peter Addison preached the jubilee sermon in Kettleby Methodist Church. The veteran minister is more than ninety years of age, but his pulpit oratory is almost as brisk and vigorous as when he preached the inaugural sermon here in October 1873. And those who recall the first sermon stated that to-day's message was very similar in manner and matter to the first delivered in the little old church on the hillside.

Kettleby is one of the few places in York to which time has brought little change. It is as quiet and as peaceful and as picturesque as in the days when it was known as Tyrwhitt's Mills. The little village is typical of the stability of the rest of the village. The same faces fill the pews, many of the same faces have appeared every week for fifty years. Richard Burling was one of the original trustees; to-day he sat in the same seat he occupied in 1873. Other persons present who had attended the inaugural services were: Mayor J.M. Walton, Aurora, Henry Webb, J. W. Elliott, Mrs. J. Dutcher, Mrs. L. Mount, Mr. and Mrs. John Boadwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Heacock, Amy Davis, Rachel Hambleton Towns, Almeda Hambleton Norris, Emma Evans, Mr. and Mrs. M. Stephens, J. W. Tilson, Nelson Proctor and Rachel Hollingshead.



KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

The following is the history of the church, together with pictures, from the year 1853 to 1948, which has been taken from a booklet prepared for the 75th anniversary of the church:

Quote:

At a meeting of the Official Board of the Kettleby appointment, a committee consisting of Frank Curtis, Raymond Marshall and the minister was appointed to prepare a suitable booklet for the 75th anniversary of the building of the present church. Mr. Marshall agreed to take the pictures of the various groups and prepare them for publication. We will all agree that he did a good job, one that will be appreciated by all concerned.

Mr. Frank Curtis, who has both a good memory and a real faculty for digging up events of the long ago, secured all the data for the write up of the choir, and the story of the decorations of the church. He also secured other interesting data.

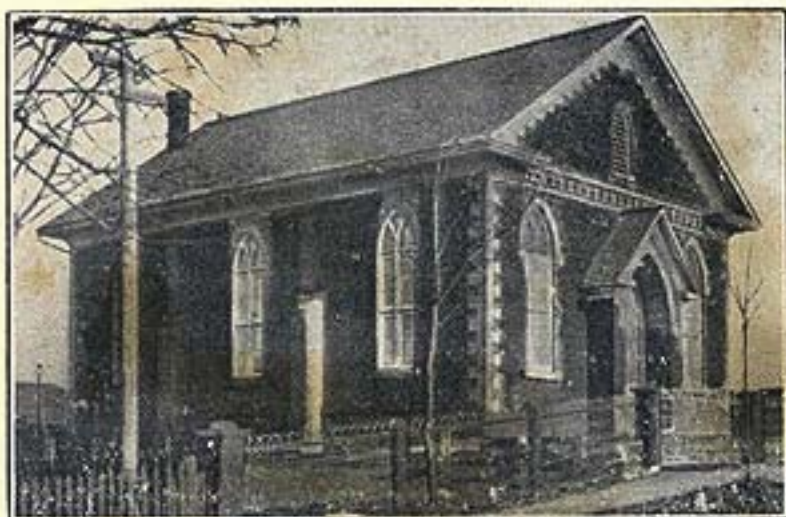
The main body of this sketch was written by Rev. C. E. Cragg and is taken from minutes of old records that date back 95 years; and from the story of Kettleby prepared and published by the late J. M. Walton. It has taken a great deal of time to collect all these facts, but as there has never been published a history of this congregation, and as we are commemorating the 75th anniversary of the building of the present United Church, the committee felt that no time or money should be spared in preparing a fairly detailed story of the congregation since its founding back in 1853. If we have omitted the name of any family that should deserve special mention,

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or any outstanding event of interest, we hereby express regret.

We are greatly pleased to announce that the Right Rev. George C. Pidgeon, M.A.D.D. of Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, has promised to come for Sunday evening, May 23rd. Dr. Pidgeon was the first Moderator of the United Church. Also, that the Rev. H. W. Strapp, one of our former and beloved pastors will preach Sunday evening, May 30th, 1948.

We are, yours very sincerely (Frank Curtis
(Raymond Marshall
(Charles E. Cragg



This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the building of the United Church in Kettleby. But the story of the congregation extends back many years beyond that, back to the year 1853, when the Methodist Minister of Lloydtown began preaching services in the Temperance Hall now known as the United Church Hall. In those early days her membership was very few, and her congregations very small; because in the year 1856 the appropriation of the Kettleby appointment toward the

minister's salary was only 9 pounds, or about \$40.00 in our money. In those early days there were no roads worthy of the name, and the only safe mode of travel was by horseback. In the story of Canadian Methodism as written by the Rev. Mr. Playter, are several stories of these "saddle bag preachers" as they came to be called. Two or three of these had to do with the Rev. Dr. Peter Addison, whose name will always be associated with the history of our church.

At first the circuit consisted to Lloydtown, Monkman's, Rich Hill and Proctors. Kettleby was added about 1853; Brownsville, Schomberg and Tottenham about 1864. Because of the heavy driving and the very large area to cover, a junior minister was appointed. The first young man sent to the circuit was the Rev. Geo. Brown. The circuit agreed to pay him a salary of \$140.00 with \$100.00 for board and \$60.00 for horsekeep. From that date to 1878 Lloydtown circuit was served by two ministers, the one acted as Superintendent with headquarters in Lloydtown, the other a junior minister with his home at Kettleby.

In 1871 the Rev. Peter Addison was appointed Superintendent at Lloydtown, and with his coming the entire circuit took on new life. In the late fall of that year, a new church at Lloydtown was started and dedicated in the spring of 1872. That church was afterward sold to the Roman Catholics in Schomberg and their beautiful church was built of the material that came from the former Methodist church at Lloydtown.

In 1872 the congregation at Kettleby had grown to such an extent that there was a demand for a new church. In consequence a board of Trustees was appointed and they purchased a lot from Joseph and Charlotte Butler. The price paid was \$105.00. The original Trustees were Robert Tilson, (grandfather of Carmen Tilson) Isaac Gordon, Simeon Lemon, Robert Cook, James J. Spink, Oliver J. Smith, Charles Lloyd, Isaac Hollingshead, John H. Smith, John Lloyd, Benjamin Hollingshead, Richard Burling and Thomas Barradell. The church was dedicated the following year, -May 1873. The original deed, now at the parsonage, bears the date Nov. 5th, 1876. It might be of interest to many to state that four people still living,

attended the dedication of the church 75 years ago. They are -

J. Watson Elliott and his sister
Jennie Bolton
Mrs. J. Dutcher
Mrs. Louis Mount

With the building of the new church a great deal of enthusiasm was displayed. This is indicated in the growth of the Sunday School, in the larger support of the minister's salary and especially in the increase in membership.

One interesting item is recorded in the records of 1874. At that time there were five Methodist bodies in Upper Canada -

The New Connexion,
Wesleyan,
Primitive,
Bible Christian
Methodist Episcopal

The leaders of these various groups, except the Methodist Episcopal, decided to unite and form one Methodist Church.

In the minutes of the Lloydtown circuit the official board voted unanimously in favor of the union. The new church came to be known as the Canadian Methodist Church. The larger union was effected in 1883 when the Methodist Episcopal came in and formed the Methodist Church of Canada.

In 1878 the circuit of Lloydtown became divided forming three circuits: Tottenham, Schomberg and Lloydtown. The Lloydtown circuit was divided consisting of Lloydtown, Proctors and Kettleby appointments. Pottageville first appears in the records in 1884. The services were held in the Emmanuel Church, now Pottageville, with Wm. Dove as steward (Arnold Dove's grandfather) and John Proctor (grandfather of Stanley Proctor) as class leader.

In 1894 the Glenville appointment was transferred from Holland Landing to Lloydtown. What a drive that was from Lloydtown to Glenville on a bad winter's morning - for service was at 11:00 a.m. at Glenville.

In 1898 an interesting event took place. Miss Jennie Elliott belonging to one of the oldest and most highly respected families in the district, offered herself for work under the auspices of the W.M.S. and became a missionary among the Indians at Port Simpson in British Columbia. She remained in this work until her marriage to the late Mr. Bolton. Today she is living in Aurora with her brother Watson Elliott. It might be of interest to state that Watson never belonged to any other Sunday School or Church, but the one at Kettleby, until his removal to Aurora in January 1946.

In 1902 the Kettleby circuit was formed consisting of Kettleby, Pottageville, Glenville and Snowball appointments. Snowball up to this time had formed part of the King circuit.

The first minister of the newly formed circuit was the Rev. J.B. Freebury. He had been stationed at Lloydtown for one year. He was a man apparently of very devout spirit, a fine preacher, and very conscientious in his work. Some of the older members at Pottageville will tell you of how this man, walked on at least two occasions from Lloydtown to Pottageville, when the roads were so drifted a horse could not get through, so that the few who came out would not be disappointed - that such a spirit of devotion and consecration might rest upon everyone of us to-day.

One of the first duties of the officials at Kettleby was to provide a house for their minister. A committee consisting of John T. Curtis (father of Frank Curtis), Artemus Hambleton, John Jarvis (father of John Jarvis, Jr.) Milton Andrews, E. Webster, J. N. Doan and E. W. Love were appointed a parsonage committee, and were instructed to secure a suitable house for their minister; but were instructed not to pay more than \$50.00 rent per annum without consulting the board. What a tremendous change in rents from that early day to this!

The first house secured was one back of the mill, occupied to-day by Mr. and Mrs. Snider. In April 1903 the Trustee Board of Proctor's church, decided unanimously to ask Conference for permission to sell the land on which their church stood, and to move the church to Kettleby for a parsonage. Evidently the conference disapproved, for on June 15th, the trustees met and decided to sell the church by tender, and to apply the proceeds to the parsonage fund. The sale price was \$35.00.

About this time, July 5th, the parsonage committee decided to buy the Wilkinson's property for \$600.00. Between the house owned by Mr. Wilkinson and the one now occupied by Mr. William Wilson stood a carriage shop, the property of Mr. Rogers. This was purchased for \$150.00. It was afterward moved to the rear of the lot by Mr. Brown for \$8.00 and for years served as a horse stable and drive house. It was finally torn down and the present garage built.

Before the minister moved in, the house was painted, papered, a new furnace installed, and made into a very comfortable house. Many of our people will wonder how so small a group of people could meet so heavy an expense. We should bear in mind that Glenville brought her share of the value of the parsonage at Holland Landing, Snowball her share from King parsonage, Kettleby and Pottageville their share of the sale of the Lloydtown parsonage after the mortgage was paid. In addition there was the proceeds of the sale of the Proctor's Church. The balance was paid by subscriptions from the four appointments. The last payment on the first parsonage was made in 1911.

The first parsonage was burned in January 1928, and on February 21st a committee was appointed by the Official Board to rebuild. The committee consisted of J. W. Tilson, J. A. Marshall, H. Webb, C. Hunt, Cecil Wray, J. Webster, John Jarvis and Hudson Bowman. Of the above committee only three are living - Cecil Wray, John Jarvis and Hudson Bowman.

At the first meeting of the committee a contract was let to Mr. Burnel Graham of Schomberg to build the new parsonage. Great credit must be given to the building committee, to the minister, the Rev, J. S. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson, to the builder and to all who had a share, for the very comfortable and lovely house they erected. And now that a bathroom has been installed, the house painted outside and decorated on the inside, we have one of the most comfortable and attractive rural parsonages in the conference.

The balance of this story will be told under certain headings - the Sunday School - Officials - Revivals - the Choir - Women's work, the Young People's work and church improvements.

LOCAL PREACHERS

Such a booklet as this reaching back, as it does for over 90 years would hardly be complete without some reference to local preachers, a group of laymen who rendered untold service to the Methodist church in the early days. In those early days, people were very poor, mode of travel difficult, and so churches were built to serve communities - we, in this day of the automobile think these churches were altogether too near each other. Because of the lack both of ordained ministers and the money to support them, local preachers were used to fill the gap. Not only did they fill in, but from these came many an ordained minister as this brief sketch will show.

We wish space would permit us to print the full list of local preachers on the Lloydtown and Kettleby charge. That is not possible. What we intend to do, is to give the list of local preachers who afterward became ordained ministers; as well as those who served Kettleby after it became head of the circuit. Preceding each name is the date when each was recommended as a candidate for the ministry: 1865 - John Brown; 1866 - W. L. Holmes, who was afterwards President of the Toronto Conference, 1871 - Thomas Snowden, afterwards President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, 1873 - George Walker, 1873 - Samuel Hastings and John Walls, 1899 - W. A. Potter, afterwards Professor of Oriental languages in Victoria College (his daughter is married to Mr. Cragg's nephew, the Rev. C. E. J. Cragg of Hamilton), 1902 - Henry Moore. The last two taught at Jamieson School - S.S.#6. Since Kettleby circuit was formed the following served in this capacity: John F. Curtis, Artemus Hambleton, J. N. Doan, E. W. Love and W. Agnew. In recent years, Ambrose Archibald, Owen Barr and Ray Marshall.

Each year at the May Official Board meeting each local preacher came up for review and the following questions were asked: has this man competent ability as a local preacher, has he been faithful in keeping his appointments, is there anything against his moral or religious character? In 1890 one of the local preachers was dropped, because he hadn't been faithful in keeping his appointments, and was reinstated when he explained that his wife had been seriously ill.

OFFICERS

Very closely associated with the local preachers were the class leaders. Forty or fifty year ago, when one joined the church they were placed in a class, and it was the duty of the class leader to keep an oversight of the new members and to inquire from time to time as to their growth in grace. The first class leader of Kettleby appointment was Robert Cook, the great grandfather of Murray Cook and Gordon Cook - the later one of the newly elected stewards of Kettleby. Among the last of this noble body of men were the Hambleton brothers, Artemus and Alfred. This institution ceased to function about 1907.

About that time society representatives were appointed. These continued to function until the United Church came into being. At that time Elders were appointed. No class of laymen have ever been entrusted with greater responsibility. They are supposed to visit the sick and shut-ins, to distribute the communion cards, and to assist the ministers in the administration of the Lord's Supper. Our present board of Elders are: Mrs. J. Archibald, Harry Burns, John Crichton, Roy Geer, S. J. Heacock, Mrs. S. J. Heacock, Wm. Hodgson, Anson McCluskie and Ray Marshall (the clerk). So in the course of years, one institution passes giving place to another.

Another group of laymen too frequently omitted are the recording secretaries of a circuit; and yet these men are so essential to the efficient working of a circuit.

We could go back 95 years ago when Dr. Bull was recording Steward. He was a beautiful penman, kept an excellent record, and acted for nearly 15 years. We skip the years and come down to 1902. Since then the recording stewards have been E. W. Love, Elias Hilborn, J. A. Marshall (from 1912 to his death in 1942). He was a beautiful penman. In the margin dated 1934 is this note from the Presbytery record committee: "This record reflects neatness and accuracy". In the minutes of the Official Board, following his death, is a very fine worded resolution regarding the long and efficient service rendered by Mr. Marshall; among other clauses is this: "He was a good man and true". Mr. Marshall was followed by his son, Ray. He, in turn by Wm. Hodgson, and the present secretary William Davison.

REVIVALS

Methodism was born in a great revival, and in the early days was made strong because of the protracted meetings. The growth of Methodism at Kettleby was due in no small measure to the great revival of the early days.

The first of these outstanding revivals was held in the fall of 1830, during the pastorate of the Rev. Robt. McCullough. At the August meeting in 1830, the minister suggested that a four day meeting be held at Lloydtown; that people bring their lunches, and that they spend the four days waiting upon God for a mighty outpouring of his spirit. Shortly afterward the revival broke out at Kettleby, and in November 1830, 38 were received into the church on trial for three months.

The second revival of note was in 1887, when the Rev. N. E. Scott was minister. This revival was in January and part of February. At the May quarterly meeting over 70 were received on trial.

The third of these outstanding revivals was in 1907, during the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Leonard. That year 41 were added to the roll of the church. No greater proof can be found of the value of these revivals than in these old records and their immediate effect upon the church.

The last of these large increases in Church members was in the fall of 1945, when following a preparatory class extending over six weeks, and a very intensive visiting campaign, 37 were received in November. It may be of interest to note that from that date to this, one or more have been received at this Kettleby appointment at every communion service, making a total of 63 during the past two and one half years, and a total on the circuit of 149.

I M P R O V E M E N T S

What changes take place in 75 years! That is true of homes, schools, state and church. Great changes have taken place in the church at Kettleby. Note the change in the lighting system. We have no authentic record, but in as much as candles were in general use 70 or 80 years ago, we feel confident that the first system of lighting must have been candles. Then came the coal oil lamps. What an improvement these were. In 1900 a system of gas was introduced. The gas was manufactured at the pond. From the plant ran the main line along the side of the road. From the main line ran short lines connecting the various houses and places served by it. At the main line were taps to lessen or increase the power of the light. Many of the people who read this will recall how frequently the boys turned down the power during the service in the church, and how Mr. Love, who was in charge of the plant would go down to see what was wrong, then the boys would turn on the power again. In 1912 the aladdin lamps were introduced. These were quite unsatisfactory because if turned at all high the lamps would smoke and the caretaker would have to disturb the service to have them adjusted. In 1929 the electric lights were installed.

Four times at least the church has been decorated - in 1916 by Mr. Travis; 1923 by Ed. Williams; 1929 by Burnel Graham and in 1947 by Mr. Heard.

In 1918 the furnace was installed by Mr. Ough; in 1922 the new matting secured, in 1924 the choir loft enlarged, in 1929 new ceiling put on, electric lights installed, and the new windows purchased. That occasion must have created almost as much enthusiasm as the building of a new church. In 1933 the sheds were resingled and repaired, and the garage built at the parsonage. In 1947 the church was decorated, painted on the outside and resingled. And so each minister makes a contribution, and each generation improves upon the past, and we move on to a better day.



The men listed here made the publication of this book possible with five dollar donations or more.

G. COOK C. WALTON N. BLATCHFORD L. HEACOCK F. SCHMIDT J. MAGINN A. McCLUSKIE

J. ARCHIBALD F. CURTIS H. WEBSTER W. SABIN A. CROWHURST J. MacDONALD

W. HODGSON R. GEER S. HEACOCK C. E. CRAGG J. CRICHTON E. BLATCHFORD R. MARSHALL

NOT IN PICTURE — C. TILSON W. GEER H. BURNS WATSON ELLIOTT

Mr. & Mrs. Cragg



On June 30th, 1945, Rev. C. E. Cragg, M.A., B.D. was superannuated from the active ministry of the United Church of Canada. He had served long and well but he heard of the need for an active minister for the Kettleby circuit and without counting the cost offered to come and serve.



Mr. Cragg and his good wife have now been with us some three years and already their efforts have been crowned with success. Spiritual and material blessings have come to both minister and people.

Rev. and Mrs. Cragg have won the appreciation of the people by hard work, constant pastoral visitation and excellent service in the pulpit.

"The Session"

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In 1913 seven women met at the home of Mrs. Wood (Aubrey Wood's mother) on the 4th concession of King and organized a Women's Missionary Society. Unfortunately, no records are available of the early years of the W. M. S., hence no story can be written as is the case with all the other organizations. Two facts stand out as we consider the society.

The first is the loyalty and devotion of a few women, who, notwithstanding all the years of depression through which this church has passed, have continued to send in their yearly contribution.



CHARTER MEMBERS STILL LIVING

MAY 1st, 1948

MRS. J. A. MARSHALL MRS. S. GEER MRS. F. DAVIS

NOT IN PICTURE — MRS. L. MOUNT

The second outstanding fact, is that four charter members of the society are still members of the Kettleby congregation. These are: Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. S. Geer, Mrs. J. A. Marshall and Mrs. L. Mount. We doubt if such a record can be duplicated in Canada.

The society is still active with interesting programs, growing enthusiasm, and bright prospects for the future.

In view of the fact that these records have been lost, as a committee we would urge all members having in their possession any records of any of the organizations to hand them at once to the minister that they may be handed to his successor. These records are church property, and should not under any circumstances be retained by private individuals.

THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The earliest record we have of an organization among the women of the church dates back to 1897 when the Ladies Aid was formed. The first President was Miss C. White and the first Secretary Miss Ida Elliott. She was succeeded as secretary by Mrs. W. J. Rogers, now Mrs. L. Mount. Mrs. Mount acted as secretary for at least three different periods. At first practically all meetings were held in the homes of the members. Some of the attendance was very small 5, 8 and 10, including visitors, but the women carried on, and it is surprising what they accomplished. The women worked very hard for their church in those early days. Here is a programme for one year. They made and sold several quilts, held a strawberry festival in June, a concert in September and a fowl supper in October at which they realized \$150.00 clear.

Among the first items of expense was the paying of the salary of the caretaker. One item back in 1897 read thus: "Paid Mrs. Seymour, caretaker, \$4.50 being salary in full for 1897." This amount was increased to \$9.00 in 1899. Even to the present the Woman's Association pay for looking after the church. They also paid for the fuel. The women still look after the expense of the fuel. They also helped with the minister's salary. In one year, 1914, at three different times money was paid to Mr. J. A. Marshall for the minister's salary. In 1915 the ladies paid Mr. Trevis \$135.00 for painting the church. In 1918 they paid Mr. Ough the sum of \$243.00 for installing the furnace in the church. In 1923 the church was again decorated and the W. A. paid Mr. Ed. Williams \$185.35 for the job. We were greatly impressed with the record of 1922. In that year the ladies paid \$27.90 for the matting in the church, \$175.00 toward the new Estey organ, gave \$60.00 to the stewards for the minister's salary, paid \$50.00 to the caretaker, and reported a balance at the end of the year of \$192.42.

In addition to the above, the women have looked after the needs of the parsonage. They painted and papered the parsonage, bought a new stove, and made other necessary repairs. Moreover for several years the women paid the connexional funds. One year these amounted to \$75.00.

Presidents: Miss C. White, Miss J. Walton, Miss E. Lloyd, Miss J. Walton, Mrs. W. J. Rogers, Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Mrs. Ray Marshall, Mrs. Dudley Heacock, Mrs. Ray Marshall, Mrs. Anson McCluskie.

Secretaries: Miss Ida Elliott, Mrs. W. J. Rogers, Miss Mabel Elliott, Miss C. White, Miss Hattie Love, Miss J. Walton, Miss Lola Elliott, Mrs. S. Geer, Mrs. J. A. Marshall - 13 years, Mrs. J. Lepard.

Treasurers: Mrs. S. Geer - nearly 20 years, Mrs. J. F. Curtis, Mrs. H. Murray, Mrs. S. J. Heacock, Mrs. Wm. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Heacock - second term.



THE OFFICERS OF THE W.A. AND THE W.M.S. FOR 1947-48

MRS. J. ARCHIBALD MRS. R. GEER MRS. W. HODGSON MRS. E. BLATCHFORD MRS. F. CURTIS
 MRS. J. DAY MRS. J. A. MARSHALL MRS. C. CRAGG MRS. G. CAMBOURNE

MRS. S. HEACOCK MRS. J. LEPARD MRS. A. McCLUSKIE MRS. H. WEBSTER MRS. R. MARSHALL

NOT IN PICTURE — MRS. H. BURNS



THE CHOIR

Before the building of the Methodist Church and for three years after, Mr. Oliver St. J. Smith led the singing in the congregation by a tuning fork. The first organ was purchased in the year 1876, in which year Mr. St. J. Smith is reported choir leader and Martha Smith organist. The second organ was secured in 1922 - an Estey organ. The great improvement in the church music came in 1946 when Mr. Ray Marshall on behalf of himself, his mother, Mrs. J. A. Marshall, and his sister, Mrs. Jack MacDonald, presented a beautiful Minshall Electric organ, as a memorial to a very worthy father and husband.

Down the years the Church has been blessed by a good choir, but the members of our congregation seem to be agreed that the choir to-day is as large and as efficient as at anytime in the long history of the congregation.



THE CHOIR 1948

J. ARCHIBALD	S. HEACOCK	W. CRICHTON	F. CURTIS	A. CROWHURST	M. GEER	R. GEER
I. POLLIOTT	MRS. H. WEBSTER	M. WASSINK	MRS. E. HOBBS	MRS. N. BLATCHFORD	B. WEBSTER	
		MRS. A. FARREN				
MRS. H. MURRAY	E. NIXON	MRS. M. WASSINK	MRS. R. MARSHALL	MRS. W. HODGSON		
		MRS. W. SABIN	MRS. H. BURNS			
		REV. C. E. CRAGG, M.A., B.D.				NOT IN PICTURE — B. GEER

We should note that our present leader, Mr. J. F. Curtis, entered the choir back in 1906.

THE CHOIR

Reference should be made to the piano, the gift of the late Alfred Hambleton. He was a lover of music, and for over 45 years he was a member of Kettleby choir. He gave the piano for use in the Sunday School, but it has proven of great service to the church as well.

We are appending the names of the choir leaders and organists. Many of the older members will recall with pleasure, a good many of the people whose names follow:

The choir leaders: Oliver St. J. Smith, John W. Smith, David White, E. W. Love, Sylvia Laidlaw, Mrs. T. Leonard, Mrs. J. W. Tribble, Miss Jennie Fox, Mrs. C. C. Otton, Rev. J. W. Holmes, Miss Dorothy Stevenson, Reg. H. W. Strapp, J. F. Curtis, Maurice Hayward, Ed. Williams, Mrs. Ray Marshall and J. F. Curtis.

The organists: Mrs. O. St. J. Smith, Miss Jane Smith, Miss Susan Lloyd, Miss Jenny Welton, Miss Ethel Hambleton, Miss Merna Geer, Mr. Stanley Otton, Mrs. Herbert Webster, Mrs. Fred Davis, Mrs. H. W. Strapp, Mrs. Fred Davis, Miss Doris Geer, Miss Jean Archibald, Miss Mary Crichton and Mrs. Ray Marshall.

Miss Tribble's Sunday School Class



Taken in Amphitheatre Park, Kettleby.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The story of the Sunday School dates back long before the building of the church. The earliest record we have is a bill posted at the mill dated 1864. Brooks W. Walton was superintendent and George Smith secretary. Mr. Walton was succeeded in the superintendency by Mr. John Lukes and the school continued to grow until in 1871 there were 85 girls and 83 boys on the roll. That year the boys recited 11,270 verses - last year, 1947, - 256; the girls recited 5,934 verses - last year, 1947, only 861.

In the course of the years the following Superintendents served: Richard Burling, Wilfred Heacock, Artemus Hambleton, E. Love, Elias Hilborn, Wesley Walls, Oliver Thompson, Ray Marshall, Harry Burns, Doris Geer, (probably the youngest superintendent in the United Church at that time), Ray Marshall a second term, and the present superintendent, William Hodgson.

At first the Sunday School was a Union School, then it came under the auspices of the Methodist Church. After Church Union in 1925, it came under the control of the United Church of Canada.



Bond Lake, where many Sunday School picnics were held. The trolley was boarded at Hambleton's Crossing and went direct to the picnic grounds.

YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY

The first young people's Society was organized in 1892 under the auspices of the Epworth League with Miss Christie White as President. She was followed by Henry Moore. In 1902 C. W. Leadley was elected president and the following was the executive:

President	C. W. Leadley (now of Toronto)
1st Vice Pres.	Jennie Walton (Mrs. C. Webb, deceased)
2nd "	Annie Clarkson (Mrs. J. Hunter, Laskay)
3rd "	Minnie Love (Music teacher, Vancouver)
4th "	Ethel Hambleton (deceased)
Secretary	S. W. Baker (lawyer, Regina, Sask)
Corresp. Sec.	A. Davis (Toronto)
Treasurer	Lola Elliott (Mrs. C.W. Leadley, Toronto)

The society at that time was quite enterprising. They published a directory of King Township, secured advertisement from nearly all the business men in the township at that time, and sold the booklets for .15¢ a copy. A few copies are still in circulation.

Mr. C. W. Leadley was succeeded by Mrs. Thos. Greensides, and she in turn by Alfred Hambleton, Louise Heacock and Wesley Walls, who acted until 1920. The secretaries were: Louise Heacock, William Geer, Merna Geer, Marshall Geer, Carman Tilson. And so for 20 years the young people's work was maintained. But the work was not always booming. For example, in January 1909 the attendance for the four Tuesday evenings was as follows: 12, 17, 11 and 14. In 1913 there were four meetings where the attendance was 8, 7, 8 and 8.

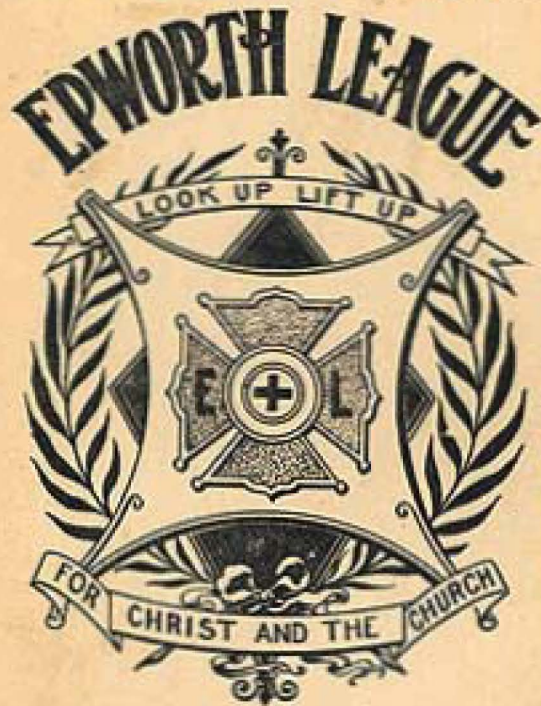
But the young people carried on and did a fine piece of work. For example in 1914 the Missionary Money raised by the Epworth League was \$24.22. Moreover they had their consecration services where the roll was called, and every active member was supposed to answer to their name, either by a verse of scripture or a personal testimony. They had seasons of prayer where four or five of the young people led. This custom that was quite universal throughout the Methodist Church accounts in a large measure for the high spiritual tone among her members.

The young people had a real good time. They had several debates. In November 1911 they debated resolved: "That the horse and buggy is preferable to the automobile". Roy and Merna Geer were on the affirmative, Wesley Walls and Watson Elliott on the negative. The affirmative won. Some months later they had another debate: "Resolved that a dirty good natured woman is preferable to a clean cranky one". Leader on the affirmative Merna Geer, on the negative Mary Stevens, the affirmative winning. Attendance 80.

... Everybody Cordially Welcomed ...

Prayer Meeting Topics

November, 1901, to April, 1902



Kettleby League

Meets every *Sunday* Ev'g

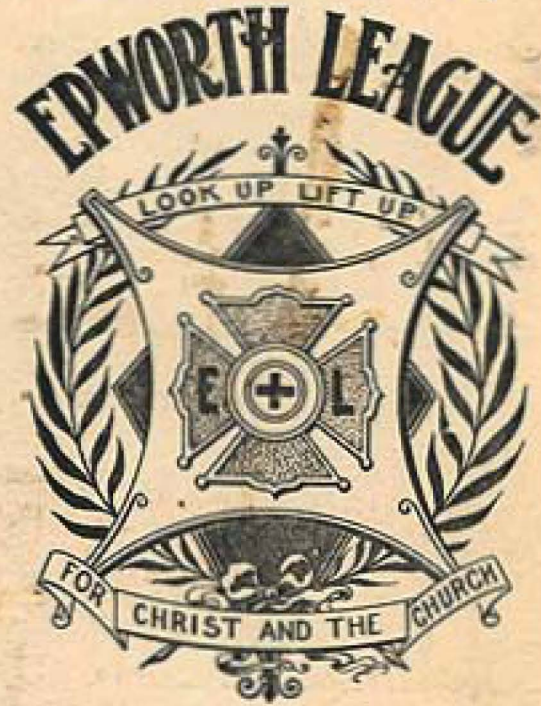
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Mr W J Hamblton

... Everybody Cordially Welcomed ...

Prayer Meeting Topics

May to October, 1901



Kettleby League

Meets every *Sunday* Ev'g

at *8* o'clock

Unfortunately we have no records from 1923 to 1943. In that year the young people reorganized with Miss Orr, President. It lasted only a couple of years. In 1945 a union Y.P.S. was formed called the Christian Endeavor with Mr. Harry Burns as President. Many of the older men and women took an interest and the society became a great success. The attendance was remarkably good - 60, 70 and one evening 105 present. The success was due to the fact that men like Ray Marshall, Frank Beatty, Will Hodgson, Norman Greensides, Willison Crichton and John Fawcett, and girls and women like Grace Webster, Clara and Hazel Sharpe, Mrs. Ray Marshall, Grace Blatchford, Mrs. George Cambourne, Lorna Leperd, Mae McCluskie, Beulah Geer and Mrs. Norman Greensides took a vital interest in the meetings. This shows what can be done by capable and efficient leadership.

NEW FRONT DOORS DEDICATED AT KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

1957

When the handsome new front doors of the eighty-four old Kettleby United Church were opened for the first time on Sunday, November 17, a congregation streamed in to fill the church to capacity within a few minutes. The occasion was a special service at which the following gifts were presented to the congregation and dedicated to the glory of God.

(A) A front door (double) of the finest material and workmanship, the gift of Mrs. Fannie Heacock, as a memorial to her husband, the late Silas J. Heacock, who was for many years a highly esteemed and active member of the Kettleby congregation. Mrs. George Cambridge made the presentation on behalf of her Mother who was unable to be present.

(B) A pair of elegant pedestals or flower stands done in cedar-wood, the work and the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown of Kettleby.

The gifts were received by representatives of the Official Board of the church, and were dedicated in a simple and impressive ceremony, conducted by the minister, Rev. R. Graham, who paid tribute to Mrs. Heacock's life long interest and activity in the life and work of Kettleby church. He made touching reference to the loyal and ever helpful services of the late "Si" Heacock, as he sang in the choir, took his turn in office, and was always on hand and willing when there was need of improvement or repair to the property.

The service was enhanced by contributions from both senior and junior choirs. Six members of the senior choir who had sung with Mr. Heacock sang one of his favorite hymns "In the Garden". The sextet included Messrs. Ed. Williams, Roy Geer, Jack Maginn, Mrs. M. Wassink, Mrs. T. Proctor and Mrs. K. Rogers. A duet "Have Thine Own Way" by Mr. Williams and Mrs. Bert Cherry, and a hymn "Celestial Voices" by the junior choir were further enjoyable additions to the praise service.

KETTLEBY CHURCH BEAUTIFIED TO MARK CENTURY
OF SERVICE

Sunday, December 7, 1953, saw another milestone set up in the life story of Kettleby United Church. The congregation was founded 105 years ago and the present church building has been its home for the past 90 years. A large and eager company of members, former members, neighbours and friends assembled for the dedication of the new vestibule and other additions and improvements to the property.

The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. R. Graham with the Rev. Charles E. Cragg of Toronto, as guest speaker. Following the anthem "My Dedication" sung by the senior and junior choirs, Mr. Norman Blatchford gave a brief review of the work planned and now completed. He told of the every member visitation carried out in the spring and of the heart warming response of members to the appeal for funds. The result was a decision by the congregation to have the outside walls refinished in white stucco, and a fifteen by twelve vestibule added to the building. A handsome church sign board was the gift of Mr. Ray Marshall.

An impressive act of dedication followed from which these sentences are quoted: The minister: "As a tribute of gratitude and love, a freewill offering of thankfulness and praise from those who have given of their thought, their substance and their labor, so as to add to the use and beauty of this House." The people: We dedicate the purpose of our hearts and the work of our hands to the glory and service of God and His Church".

Following the dedication prayer, the Kettleby Male Quartette, Messrs. Sturgess, Booth, Gilmore and Burt-Gerrans, sang "Bless This House". The anthem "Abide With Me" by the senior choir and a second number by the Quartette, "Sweet Peace" further enhanced the fine praise service with Mrs. Ray Marshall as organist and Mrs. Bert Cherry as choir leader.

The Rev. C. E. Cragg, M.A., who some years ago, served a very successful period on the Kettleby charge, was heartily welcomed by all. His subject was "Christians are Different" and his inspiring message, delivered with all his former force and vigor, was a fitting climax to an outstanding worship service. He congratulated the minister and people on the number and quality of the recent additions and improvements to painting and decorating done a year ago, a new broadloom carpet for the platform, the addition of a choice communion table with richly embroidered runner and brass alter cross, pulpit drape, oak baptismal font, a pair of handsome flower stands, two silk flags (Union Jack and Christian) and a

KETTLEBY CHURCH BEAUTIFIED TO MARK CENTURY OF SERVICE

miniature replica of the church before its recent face-lifting, and two beautiful memorial front doors. Further improvements, including the landscaping of grounds have been planned for the spring.

The congregation included several former members of Kettleby church who were heartily welcomed, and who enjoyed meeting old friends and exchanging memories. Tribute was paid to the work carried out by the two committees under Gordon Cook and Carl Proctor, and to the construction work headed by Messrs. Harry Stephenson and Fred Schmidt and to the willing help rendered by various members whenever needed.

The treasurer was happy to report that the cost of the undertaking was covered by the free-will offerings of the people.

CHURCH GIFTS ARE DEDICATED AT
SPECIAL OPENING SERVICE

A special service marked the reopening of Kettleby United Church on Sunday, September 8th, 1959, after extensive decoration, some structural changes and the addition of several items of handsome church furnishings.

The service, conducted by the minister, Rev. R. Graham, was largely attended by members and friends, and proved an interesting milestone in the one hundred and four year history of the Kettleby congregation.

An impressive part of the service was the reception and dedication of various gifts, listed as follows: the painting of the walls and ceiling, and the alterations to the choir loft and platform were the gift of the members of the congregation, whose generous response to the recent every member canvass made the project possible.

The communion table of choice design in oak, matching the pulpit, baptismal font and chairs. This gift was purchased through funds from the will of the late Mrs. Joseph Webster of Glenville. The presentation was made by Mrs. Carl Proctor, daughter of Mrs. Webster. Another choice and very acceptable gift, a sixteen inch solid brass cross for the communion table was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Armstrong.

Standing with the minister to receive these gifts were Mr. Roy Geer, chairman of the trustees, and Mr. Ray Marshall, representing the elders. A brief dedication service followed in which the entire congregation took part. Assisting in the service were Mr. Gordon Cook, chairman of the decoration committee, and Mr. Jack MacDonald, representing the stewards. The praise was led by the Kettleby choir with Mrs. Ray Marshall as organist and Mrs. Bert Cherry as choir leader. The service was enhanced by three outstandingly beautiful numbers from the Melville male quartette, whose rendering was about perfect on both voice and expression, an inspiration to every worshipper present. Following the service members of the quartette and their friends were entertained at the manse.



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NEW KETTLEBY MINISTER COMES FROM ETOBICOKE

Rev. Harold W. Kemp, B.A.BD., is the new minister of the Kettleby, Pottageville, Snowball charge of the United Church of Canada, and was inducted last week at a service at Kettleby. He succeeds Rev. Robert Graham who has retired to Toronto.

Mr. Kemp's induction service was under Rev. Gordon Winch, Oak Ridges, with Rev. Gordon Elliott, Schomberg, preaching the sermon to the congregation, and Rev. A. Wright, Markham, preaching to the minister. Ray Marshall presented Mr. Kemp to the congregation and spoke for Kettleby; Mrs. Wm. Turner for Snowball and Mrs. S. Proctor for Pottageville.

The Kemps are still living in Toronto, but will move to the Kettleby manse the end of this month.

Mr. Kemp formerly served as minister of Kenforth Baptist Church in Etobicoke but was received into the Toronto conference of the United Church in May of this year. He grew up on a farm at Broadview, Sask., attended Brandon College and McMaster University.

Mrs. Kemp is a registered nurse, whose home was Camrose, Alberta. They have two sons, David 10 and Robert 12, at present in the west with their mother visiting relatives.

Next month the family will be together at their cottage on Muldew Lake near Gravenhurst. For 17 years Mr. Kemp has served in the city.

CENTURY OLD TOWERING TREES GIVE THEIR NAME TO NEW CHURCH

IT'S "YORK PINES UNITED"

One hundred and twenty members and adherents of Kettleby Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada, meeting in the Community Hall at Schomberg on Wednesday strongly favored "York Pines" as the name for their new church.

The new church, under construction a quarter mile east of Highway 400 on the north side of the Aurora-Schomberg road, is surrounded by tall pines, many of them nearing one hundred years of age, and the name seems most suitable.

The church is being built to accommodate the combined congregations of Snowball, Kettleby and Pottageville United Churches. The decision to amalgamate the churches was made last June, and construction began on the \$105,000. building in October, 1965.

The meeting at Schomberg was the initial meeting of the new congregation. William Hodgson, chairman of the council, which has coordinated the work of seven committees set up to handle the project, gave special recognition to members of these committees. Forty persons rose as their names were called by way of recognition.

Mr. Hodgson reported that the brick and stone structure is now closed in, and that work is being carried on in the interior. To date about 20 percent of the total cost has been contributed, and it is expected that when the building is opened on May 29, 1966, it will be half paid for. The remainder of the cost should be taken care of in a couple of years.

Rev. Albion R. Wright, minister of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, and Chairman of York Presbytery, conducted the service of Institution by which the three congregations became one.

In presenting names for the new church, Mrs. Harry Burns noted that over fifty suggestions were originally submitted. A committee, elected for the purpose, narrowed them down to two. By a ballot vote, 82 percent favored York Pines as the most desirable name.

A slate of officers for the new congregation was presented by Mrs. William Hodgson and accepted by the meeting. The following will be officers during the first year:

Church Session - J. Ellison, A. Kerr, Mrs. W. Hodgson, H. Burns, L. White, Mrs. J. Adams, N. Blatchford, J. Maginn, J. MacDonald, Mrs. S. Proctor, Mrs. H. Sheardown, B. Patton, Mrs. C. Copson, J. Webster and F. Curtis.

Committee of Stewards - J. Adams, W. Groombridge, M. Woods, W. Hodgson, C. Doan, R. Orr, W. Davidson, Mrs. J. Maginn, W. Ard, G. Cook, Mrs. A. Kerr, D. Hodgson, Mrs. R. Snider, N. Hamilton, L. Heacock, S. Proctor, G. Cambourne and Mrs. M. Cook.

Board of Trustees - J. Maginn, C. Tilson, S. Proctor, W. Davidson and J. Adams.

Norman Blatchford presented the new budget and this was adopted without change.

Rev. R. Norman Pick, minister of Trinity United Church, Newmarket and secretary of York Presbytery, conducted a devotional service at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Rev. Harold W. Kemp, minister of the new congregation, expressed appreciation to the Schomberg United Church Women for the delicious meal they provided, to Mrs. Ray Rogers for the special solo rendered, and to Mrs. M. Cook for accompanying her. Special mention was made of the dinner music arranged by Miss Doris Mitchell. Mrs. Albion Wright and Mrs. Norman Pick accompanied their husbands and were thanked for their consent to count the ballots cast in the naming of the new church.

Many fine comments were made by those present on the significance and quality of this first meeting of York Pines United Church in the Township of King, and hopes for a strong religious and cultural centre for the larger community were envisaged.



Rev. Harold Kemp, who will be minister of the new congregation.



BOTH CHOIRS OF THE CHURCH -- the chancel choir and the youth choir -- combined for the special

event. Organist and chancel choir director, John F. Willis, is at right end of back row.



The chancel is contemporary in feeling with the chancel choir on one side and the youth choir on the other. The lovely Conn organ is situated on the west side with the younger choir. The pulpit is also on the right side.

On the left is the lectern with the gold markers with the Latin cross. The communion table is situated in the centre of the chancel with the brass altar and Pri-seat. The altar desk holds the Bible.

Long narrow windows with perpendicular window panes run along the sides of the sanctuary. The panes contain colored glass in two shades of amber and a wine colour.

Indirect lighting shines on the cross hanging on the stone column. Two rows of brass hanging fixtures are suspended from the ceiling.

Folding doors at the back of the church divide the chapel from the main section of the church.

On the main floor there is a church office, the minister's study, a nursery room, kitchenette, washrooms and a church fellowship room. The fellowship room contains upholstered furniture and resembles a lounge. The room contains a pair of clear glass windows in addition to the coloured windows to match the decor of the rest of the church. There is a pass through to the kitchenette.

Downstairs (two stairways) contains five large classrooms for church school purposes suitable for team teaching. This section contains the utilities including a modern kitchen. The auditorium has a full stage with two dressing rooms. There is a seating capacity of 300 in this room. A public address system has been installed throughout the building with 16 speakers in the sanctuary and 12 in the auditorium.

CONDENSED HISTORY OF KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

The history of this church goes back to the year 1853 when the methodist minister at Lloydtown began having services in the Temperance Hall at Kettleby. In those early years the membership was very small and Kettleby's portion of the minister's salary was 9 pounds - about \$40.00. In those days there were no roads worthy of the name and the only safe mode of travel was by horseback, giving the name "saddle bag preachers" to those who served.

The circuit first consisted of Lloydtown, Monkman's, Rich Hill and Proctor's. Kettleby was added in 1853. Brownsville, Schomberg and Rottenham in 1884. Because of the very large area and so much driving a second minister was called in 1878 at a salary of \$140.00 a year with \$100.00 for board and \$60.00 for horse keep.

By 1872 the congregation at Kettleby had grown to such an extent a church was needed. A lot was purchased in the village for \$105.00 and the new church dedicated in 1873.

In 1879 the circuit of Lloydtown became divided into three circuits - Rottenham, Schomberg and Lloydtown. The Lloydtown circuit consisted of Lloydtown, Proctor's and Kettleby appointments. Pottageville first appears in the records in 1884. In 1894 the Glenville appointment was transferred from Holland Landing to Lloydtown. What a drive that must have been on a cold winter morning from Lloydtown to Glenville for service at eleven o'clock!

In 1902 the Kettleby circuit was formed consisting of Kettleby, Pottageville, Glenville and Snowball. Up to this time the latter had formed part of the King circuit. The first minister of the newly formed circuit was the Rev. J. B. Freebury and the story is that on two occasions he walked from Lloydtown to Pottageville when the roads were so drifted a horse could not get through in order that the few who did get out to church would not be disappointed. In June 1952 the Glenville church was closed due mostly to the fact it was difficult to obtain a minister willing to take on a four point charge.

CONDENSED HISTORY OF KETTLEBY UNITED CHURCH

The first parsonage was purchased in 1903 for \$600.00 and an old carriage shop bought for \$150.00 was moved to the rear to serve as a horse stable and drive shed. This first parsonage was burned in 1923 and a new brick home was built on the same site and is still used as the Manse.

Through the years many improvements were made to the church itself such as a vestibule added, the church refinished in white stucco with two beautiful memorial front doors and the interior tastefully decorated.

Time marches on and under the leadership of Rev. Harold Kemp the decision was made to amalgamate Snowball, Pottageville and Kettleby United churches. Construction of a new building was begun in October 1965 to be known as York Pines United Church. This church was opened and dedicated at a very impressive service on the afternoon of Sunday, May 29th, 1966, with the Right Rev. James R. Mutchmor, past Moderator of the United Church of Canada, as guest preacher.

In the morning of the same day the doors of the old churches, which had served their respected communities for so many years, were closed in grateful memory of those who had been faithful in all the years gone by.

The old church in Kettleby now houses an impressive antique shop together with living quarters. Snowball and Pottageville churches have been renovated into permanent homes.

Prepared and given at
a U.C.W. meeting at
York Pines United Church
on June 17th, 1975, by -
Ruth Hambleton Maginn

DEATH OF AGED PIONEER

MRS. SARAH HILBORN OF KETTLEBY, AGED 102 YEARS, 9 MONTHS, 17 DAYS, PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20th, 1910. (FROM THE NEWMARKET ERA).

On Sunday last, March 20th, there passed peacefully away from this world of strife and turmoil to that home from which no traveller returns, at her late home, lot 30, on the fifth concession of King, the oldest individual in this section of country, if not in Ontario, in the person of Mrs. Sarah Hilborn.

Mrs. Hilborn whose maiden name was Rogers, was born on lot 95 in the first concession of King on June 7, 1807, and consequently if she had lived until next June would have been 103 years old. Her parents came from Pennsylvania and settled in the neighborhood where she was born and remained there until their death. On May 3rd, 1840, she married William Hilborn and went to reside at her late home where she has lived continuously until her death on Sunday. She was Mr. Hilborn's second wife and by him had one child, Timothy, who was born in 1842, and who died in 1906. Her husband, William Hilborn, died in May 1909 in the old homestead which he had cleared and which has remained in the family over 100 years. It is at present occupied by the widow of the late Timothy Hilborn and her two sons, Bert and Rolph, with whom the old lady resided.

On June 7th, 1907, the 100th anniversary of her birth was attended by between 250 and 300 of her friends from all parts of the country as well as some from the United States.

Notwithstanding her advanced age she retained her faculties in a remarkable degree until the very last. Deceased had but little sickness during her entire life. She was noted for her many acts of charity and no person needing assistance and making known their wants were turned away empty handed.

She had been a consistent member of the Christian Church which stands about a mile from her late home, until she said infirmity compelled her to remain at home.

Mrs. Hilborn lived during the reigns of five Sovereigns of the British Empire: George III, George IV, William IV, Queen Victoria and the present King Edward VII. She was born under the administration of Lieut. Gov. Francis Gore, the third Lieut Gov. of Upper Canada and witnessed the services of his successors in Upper Canada till the year 1841 - the Governor General of the United Provinces under the Union Act from 1841-1867, The Lieut. Governors of Ontario since Confederation from 1867 to the present time, viz: Sir Isaac Brock 1811-12, Sir Frederick Robinson 1814-16, Colonel Samuel Smith 1817-20, Sir Peregrine Maitland 1820-23,

Sir John Colborne 1829-36, Sir Francis Bondhead 1836-38, Sir George Arthur 1838-41, Lord Sydenham 1841-43, Lord Metcalf 1843-45, Earl of Elgin 1846-54, Sir Edmund Head 1854-61, Maj. Gen. Stisted 1861-68, Sir Wm. P. Howland 1868-73, Hon. Jno. W. Crawford 1873-75, Hon. Donald A. McDonald 1875-80, Hon. Jno. Beverly Robinson 1880-87, Sir Alex. Campbell 1887-92, Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick 1892-97, Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat 1897-98, Sir Mortimer Clark 1898-1908, Lieut. Gov. Gibson 1908.

Mrs. Hilborn could tell interesting incidents of the rebellion of 1837 and witnessed the moving of the anchor from Yonge St. to Holland Landing in 1812. The deceased was born on Sunday, married on Sunday and always said she would die on Sunday.

The funeral services were held at the Christian Church and were conducted by Elder Prosser assisted by Rev. T. Leonard on Tuesday afternoon. Elder Prosser feelingly referred to his long acquaintance with Mrs. Hilborn, her sterling worth and her devotion to her family and friends. In the course of his remarks he said the present was the first time he had ever been called upon to attend the funeral of a person over 100 years old and he had no doubt it was the first time anyone present had ever attended a funeral of a person over 100 years old. The interment took place in the burying grounds adjoining the church.

The pall bearers were Messrs. John Curtis, Martin Robinson, Simeon Lemon, Artemus Hambleton, Ambrose Davis and M. Terry.

This Certificate is Authorized by the Registrar-General for Burial Purposes only, including Transportation.

Form 9.



Certificate of Registration of Death.

PERMIT OF BURIAL.

(Official form prepared by the Registrar-General of Ontario, and issued by Division Registrars for Burial purposes only, including transportation, as authorized by Sec. XXVI, Vital Statistics Act, 1908.)

I hereby certify that the following particulars of Death, as returned to me, have been duly registered in compliance with Sec. XXVI, Vital Statistics Act, 1908.

County York Municipality King Sp

Name of Deceased	Sarah Rogers Hilborn
Sex	Female
Date of Death	March 20 th 1910
Age	102 years 9 months 17 days
Residence, Street No. or Concession and lot	Lot 95 Con at King Sp
Occupation	Housewife
Single or Married	widow
If Single, give name of Father. If Married give name of Husband	
Where Born	Lot 95 Young St King Sp
Cause of Death	La Grippe
Length of Illness	one week
Name of Physician in Attendance	D R M Hillary
Religious Denomination	
Name of Person making Return	Minnie Hilborn Thomas

Date of Issue March 22/10

Signature of Div. Registrar J. E. Hughes

KETTLEBY OCTOGENARIANS TO CELEBRATE
ON SUNDAY

KETTLEBY, MARCH 7, 1935

Proving that Kettleby is a town of long-lived inhabitants, happy marriages and staunch Liberals, Wilfred Heacock, Kettleby's oldest citizen, recently passed his 83 birthday, and on Sunday, March 10th, Mr. and Mrs. John Boadwin will celebrate their diamond wedding. The same day is the 55th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Dutcher. Although the combined age of the five citizens totals over 400 years, when interviewed yesterday all were in good health and looking forward to the wedding celebrations next Sunday.

"I never cast anything but a Liberal vote in my life" Mr. Heacock said with a chuckle. "I think I voted for Sir William Mulock the very first time he ran in an election. Let me see, my son Cy was born in '82, so I know I voted for Mulock in 1883, and in the last election for Colonel William Mulock. It was certainly great to see the Liberals get in again in the Province".

Mr. Heacock was born Feb. 22, 1847, on the third concession in King. John Heacock, the great-grandfather came from Pennsylvania and bought the farm which is still held by the family. Wilfred Heacock worked on it until 1897 when he opened a grocery store in Kettleby.

"I've seen the deed of the old farm", Mr. Heacock said. "Great grandfather bought 400 acres between the 3rd and 4th concessions for \$600.00. I've lived in this district all my life except one year".

There are four generations of the Heacock family to-day. Mr. Heacock was married 63 years to the former Eleanor Hollingshead, who died two years ago in her 86th year. He had four sons and two daughters and there are 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boadwin, who will celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary on Sunday, are also strong Liberals and keenly interested in current affairs. "Mr. Hepburn is the man I voted for," Mr. Boadwin declared, "Mackenzie King and Hepburn will get this country back on its feet and we've got to see they are allowed to work together".

KETTLEBY OCTOGENARIES TO CELEBRATE
ON SUNDAY

KETTLEBY, MARCH 7, 1935 - Cont'd.

Mr. and Mrs. Boadwin met each other through church work in the old Christian church on the fifth line. They were married in Newmarket Presbyterian church, March 19th, 1875.

"We were married by the minister in 12 minutes without any fuss, and it didn't cost her people or mine a cent", Mr. Boadwin said. We drove to Stouffville for the honeymoon and we had a time getting there with the cutter and horses because of the snowbanks". Both Mr. and Mrs. Boadwin are in their 84th year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dutcher also chose March 10th for their wedding day and were married 55 years ago in King City Methodist church. They went to school together when they were eight years old.

"We've never had a fight yet", Mrs. Dutcher said. "All married people have to have give and take, and when people learn to do this they are happy. Of course, the man has to take quite a bit, but I suppose it's worth it". "The Government should stop girls smoking cigarettes and those beer dens, she said, I'm one who doesn't say much, but I believe if a daughter of mine started to smoke, I'd disown her".

Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher had ten children, three of whom live in Toronto. For 33 years Mr. Dutcher farmed on the 5th concession of King until he retired to live in Kettleby. He will be 78 next April and Mrs. Dutcher will be 72 in July.

(The Toronto Daily Star)

KETTLEBY COUPLE MARK 60th WEDDING JUBILEE
MARCH 10th, 1940.

Through 60 years of married happiness, Mr. and Mrs. John Dutcher always have treated marriage as a 50-50 arrangement. They will celebrate the anniversary, March 10th, 1880, quietly on Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. R. Morris, Mt. Pleasant Road, Toronto, surrounded by 34 members of the family.

"I don't say we haven't had spats but we have looked upon marriage as a 50-50 arrangement and have been honest with each other at all times", said Mrs. Dutcher. Married at 17 Mrs. Dutcher has no particular views on entering matrimony at an early age but observed with a smile, "I got away with it". The groom, who is 83, was out for his daily walk when The Star called.

Their marriage followed a school romance. Both are lifelong residents of King Township and attended Kinghorn public school together. Mr. Dutcher was the oldest ex-student to attend the school reunion in 1937 and his wife ran him a close second for the honor. Both have attended the Methodist (now United) church at Kettleby and have lived in this village for 40 years.

Mr. Dutcher was born near Eversley, farmed for several years after marriage and then "teamed" for some time. He retired about 20 years ago. Mrs. Dutcher, formerly Susan Thorpe, was born at Stouffville but came to King Township at the age of three. Both enjoy good health.

They raised 10 children, six of whom are living. Five daughters, Mrs. P. W. Traviss and Mrs. Morris of Toronto, Mrs. W. Codlin and Mrs. B. C. Cutting, Newmarket, and Mrs. J. Harman, Kettleby, will celebrate with them. One son, Herbert, lives in Nelson, B. C. There are 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

(The Toronto Star, March 9, 1940)

CURTIS FAMILY HISTORY

John and Emily Curtis came from Harrow-on-the-Hill, England, sometime between the years 1836 and 1838, on a sailing vessel, which was caught in trade winds and which took them sixteen weeks to cross the ocean. On July 8th, 1867, they purchased from William Mason, Lot 33, west half of Concession 4, for the sum of \$4,000. to be paid in sixteen annual payments of \$250.00 with interest at 6%. The agreement was drawn by John Cook and witnessed by John T. Curtis. This farm remained in the family until the estate of Emily Curtis was settled in 1916 when it was sold to Albert Shanks. They were members of King Christian Church and had a family of five sons and three daughters. John Curtis died March 9th, 1878, and his wife, Emily, on April 30th, 1914, at the age of 98.

John T. Curtis, son of John and Emily, was born on November 13th, 1845. He married on January 13th, 1869, Margaret Black, who was born August 29th, 1847, and who was the daughter of John and Amynta Helyer Black. Her father, John Black born in 1818, served in the rebellion of 1837 to champion the cause of William Lyon MacKenzie. After the rebellion it took him three nights, travelling by night and herding with confederates by day, to go from York (Toronto) to the homestead (now owned by Howard Black, a grandson).

Five children were born to this marriage: Adizilla, who died in infancy; William Henry, who married Bertha Barradel; Elizabeth Luella married to F. W. Heacock; Norman Leslie married to Martha Warboise, and John Franklin married to Clara Clarkson.

He was a stern advocate of Christian principles and both he and his wife were members of Kettleby Methodist Church. He was on the official board for many years and for over forty years taught the Bible Class in the Sunday School of that church. The following is a copy of a testimonial given him by the members of that class on the presentation of a Bible:

"Respected Friend:

We, the members of the Bible Class of Kettleby Methodist Sabbath School, desire to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of your most earnest efforts during the past ten years in the capacity of Bible Class teacher of our school.

We fully realize that the work which you have propagated as you have in the interest of your class, and for which you were ever qualified, has required an unlimited amount of earnestness and zeal. We rejoice to know that you have manifested virtues in a high degree. As a Christian, we trust that your Christ-like life has been in many instances the means of pointing many to the "Lamb of God which taketh

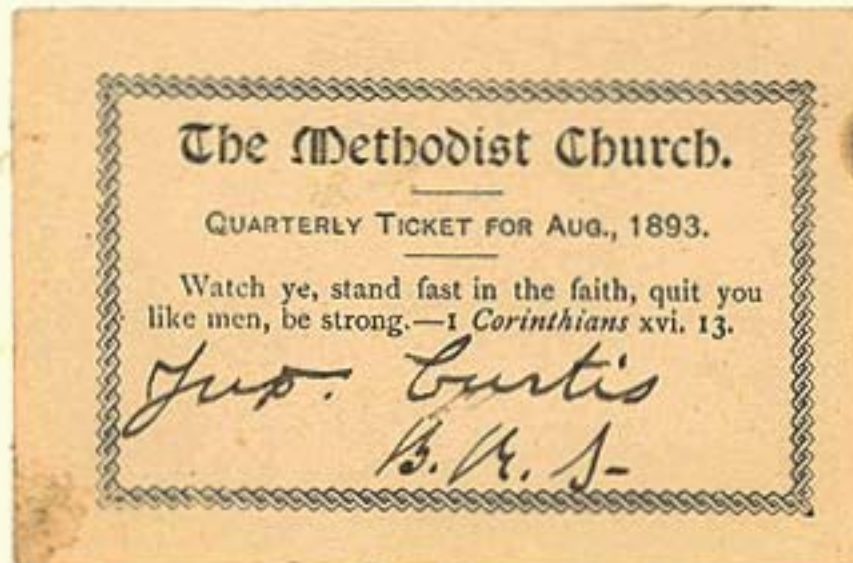
CURTIS FAMILY HISTORY

away the sins of the world". Your example as a kind and noble friend is well worthy of our imitation.

You will kindly permit us to show our deep sense of gratitude to you for the spirit of helpfulness and loving forbearance with our many short-comings. You will please accept this International Teachers' Edition of The Holy Bible as a slight token of our appreciation of your past services, ever trusting that it may please Almighty God to abundantly bless you and prolong your estimable life, and, that, when done with time you may meet this Class as an unbroken family around the Throne of God."

Signed in behalf of the Class (Mrs. R. Hughey
January 31st, 1899. (Mrs. W. J. Rogers
(Miss A.J.Seymour

John T. Curtis died on August 22nd, 1916, and his wife on March 30th, 1914.



CURTIS FAMILY HISTORY

TOWNSHIP OF KING, CO. OF YORK.

1872.

Mr John Curtis jun Con. *5*, Lot No. *32*

ASSESSMENT.	\$	C	TAXES.	\$	C
<i>Amount of Assessment Real Property...</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>County Rate 17 Cents in the \$100.....</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Am't Assessment of Personal Property.</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>Township Rate 9 Cents in the \$100....</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Amount of Income Assesses</i>			<i>High School Rate Cents in the \$100</i>		<i>39</i>
<i>No. of Dogs.....</i>			<i>School Section Rate Cents in \$100</i>		<i>8</i>
<i>No of Bitches.....</i>			<i>Dogs One Dollar each</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>32</i>
			<i>Bitches Two Dollars each.....</i>		

TOTAL TAXES, \$

15 49

Received Payment.

Collector

John T. Curtis commenced farming on Lot 32, Concession 5, in 1873, and his municipal taxes for that year were \$12.90.

CURTIS FAMILY HISTORY

JOHN FRANKLIN CURTIS, son of John T. and Margaret Curtis, was born August 6th, 1886, and married Clara Clarkson on October 28th, 1914. He bought his father's farm - lot 32, concession 5, in 1917, which he sold in 1928 to George and Oliver Thompson. In 1928 he purchased the historic mill at Kettleby, which he operated until 1949 when it was sold to Mr. H. Denne of Newmarket.

Both he and his wife went to school at S. S. No. 12, and both attended Sunday School and Church at the Christian Church on the fifth concession. Mrs. Curtis played the organ in this church starting at the age of 14 and continuing for over nine years. Mr. Curtis spent 60 years in choir work between the Christian and United Churches.

He is a member of the I. O. F. and a life member of Union Lodge No. 113.

Their daughter, Jean, married Sargeant Arthur Brown in 1953, and are at present stationed at Fort Churchill, Manitoba. Jean also attended S. S. No. 12 where her parents had attended, as well as S. S. No. 11, and Aurora District High School.



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IN MEMORIAM

BROTHER JOHN FRANKLIN CURTISS

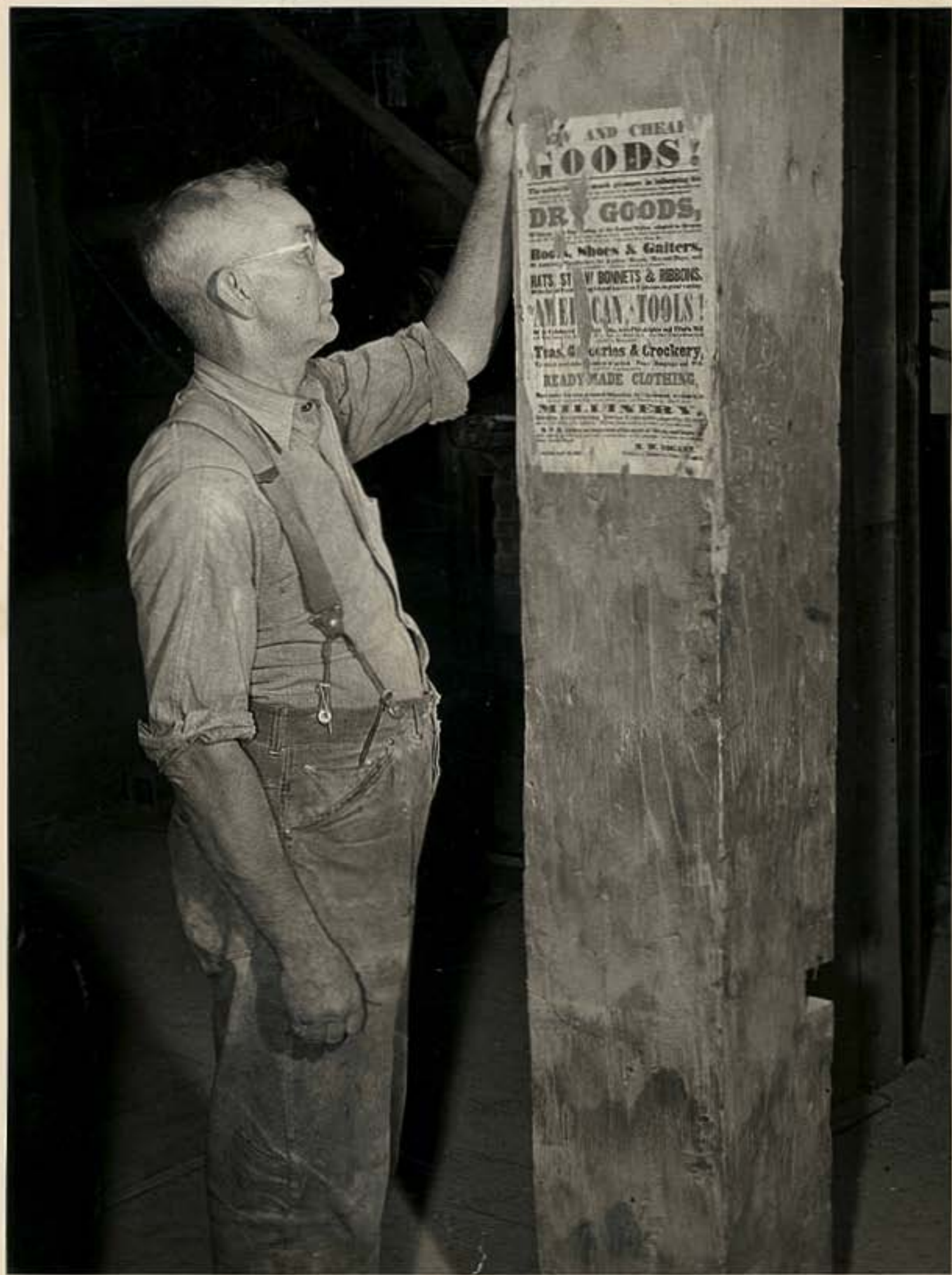
Initiated into Union Lodge, Feb. 17, 1913.

Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree, April 14, 1913.

Raised to the Degree of a Master Mason, Feb. 9, 1914.

Made a Life Member Union Lodge, 1958.

Passed to The Grand Lodge Above, March 31, 1967, in his 81st year.



J. Frank Curtis reading a sale bill in Kettleby Mill, which is on a post 16" square. The beams in this building were 18" square, the whole building being of red pine.

BLACKBURN FARM HISTORY

These pictures are the barn and house on the 75 acre farm that John Blackburn and his wife bought from William Walton in 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn had two sons and two daughters.

Their son George and his wife took over the farm and farmed for many years. Ten of their eleven children received their education in S.S.#12, King Township.

In 1917 their youngest son, Leo, married Nora Cull and took over this farm, farming it for 39 years, selling it in 1956 to Mr. Franc Joubin.



Nora Cull Blackburn - a life member of Kettleby W.I.

MISS CONSTANTIA FOX, SCHOMBERG, FORMERLY OF KETTLEBY,
CELEBRATES HER 99th BIRTHDAY

Miss Constantia Fox celebrated her 99th birthday on February 8th, 1958. She was at the home of her niece, Mrs. Peter Muirhead, R.R. #1, Schomberg, with whom she has lived for the past 57 years.

In the afternoon, the Ladies Guild of Christ Church, Kettleby, paid her a visit, bringing numerous gifts and special refreshments. She is a charter member of the Guild, having joined when she was living on the Fox homestead on the sixth of King.

In the evening a supper party was given by Mrs. Muirhead, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Jack Guthrie, and granddaughter, Mrs. Donald Munshaw. About thirty relatives were present, including her great, great grandniece, Debbie Munshaw, age 6, and brother Larry, 2. Her brother, Ben Fox, 88, of Detroit, and his nephew Fulton Fox spent the week end with her.

Rev. Dr. F. V. Abbott of Schomberg, age 71, whose birthday is on the same day, paid a short visit as has been his regular custom on their birthdays. Mrs. Charles Fox, a nephew's wife and Miss Virginia Fox, a niece, Bill Muirhead, a nephew of Oak Ridges, Mrs. Muirhead and their family of Newmarket, were a few of the many relatives attending.

Children do not bother this remarkable woman although she is confined to a wheel chair. She can play house and store with the youngest. She received a large number of useful, and pretty gifts, including potted plants. Over 100 cards were received.

And how do you reach 99 with such zest? have a merry heart, a cheerful disposition and always be interested in people and their problems, is her answer. Keep young people around you and you will easily forget you are "supposed to be getting old".

Miss Fox is in good health although she has never weighed more than 101 pounds. She reads a great deal, watches T.V. programs, does embroidery work, writes two letters every week to her relatives. She has more nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews than she can count, although she knows them all by name. She and her brother, Ben, are the only survivors of the family of 11 children of William Fox and his wife, Jane Boak.

Miss Fox came with her parents from Kent, England, to King Township about 92 years ago. They lived on the eighth concession for a year and then her father bought the Kettleby farm. In 1916 it was bought by her nephew-in-law Peter Muirhead. Miss Fox spent twelve intervening years in Toronto where her parents died. In 1916 she returned to the farm, which was sold last year.

Miss Fox has many things to remember of the olden days around Kettleby - the school - the opening of Christ Anglican Church and how her family drove in a democrat eight miles to the Lloydtown church before 1891 when Christ Church was built.

She recalls how the Holland Marsh was uncultivated. She has seen floods in the marsh long before Hurricane Hazel, and recalls the five floods that destroyed the Kettleby river dam. She remembers the old mill that was made of red cedar, the Temperance Society socials, the old hotel, hallowe'en pranks and the numerous home industries.

Nevertheless, Miss Fox likes things as they are to-day and is glad she has lived to see the advances of science in the new world. She says she hopes to reach the century mark in 1959.

Copied from the
Newmarket Era

THE HOLLAND MARSH

From information I could gather the work on our end of the marsh was not started until about 1929. I am informed the marsh road from the sixth concession to the eighth is not really a continuation of the town-line but is known as Concession 1 of the New Survey.

Wasteland has always presented a challenge to the Hollander. When he heard about this muckland he wanted to explore it. The Government paid passage for the immigrants and guaranteed them free taxes for five years. At this time a man by the name of Professor Day had become very interested in the marsh and wished to experiment with it. He didn't have enough cash to buy it so he formed a syndicate. After he had proved it a worthwhile proposition this group of men saw the possibility of making a lot of money and they worked it so Professor Day went bankrupt. This syndicate bought the land cheap and sold it at a great profit to the settlers.

Thirty years or more ago there were no roads through the marsh. The only means of travel was along the bank of the canal. The canal had been dug to drain the water from all the fields. King Township didn't have tractors and bulldozers so they hired a farmer to level the bank of the canal with his horses. Of course, the marsh wasn't broken then. It was covered with tamarack, trees and bush. The immigrants had to clear all the land by hand. This was very difficult not only for the immigrants but also for the highland farmers. Some of the farmers came to help the immigrants in order to help pay their own taxes.

The marsh farmers had to draw their vegetables to the sixth concession where truck drivers picked them up and took them into Toronto.

Land was much cheaper to buy then than now - 106 acres cost \$150.00. The immigrants had to borrow money from the Government to build their small homes. They soon discovered the land would have to be drained so the Holland River was dredged. This raised the taxes but improved the land. With the river draining well, each farmer dug several smaller ditches on their land that drained into it. At the end of the river at Holland Landing there is a pumphouse pumping day and night. This pumps the surplus water over the dyke over the Holland River at Bradford and into Lake Simcoe. In very dry weather the pump is stopped so the land will not dry out. Actually the pump is a protective device. It serves to carry off the surplus water and permits the farmers to get on the land earlier to get in early crops which bring the top prices.

THE HOLLAND MARSH

Who are these people who have come so far and with so little money? It takes great courage to leave one's native land for a country of different language and customs. But the pressure of taxation in the Lowlands, the threat of still a third world war, and the increasing domination of the labor factions all combined to make Europe a place better in memory than in reality.

Two families are from Belgium, two from Holland. All had known the invasion and occupation, and for some the liberation was almost as bad.

Joe VanDongen had the disheartening experience of having his buildings burnt by the invading Germans. He re-built on a smaller scale, only to have them all burned again by the liberating forces. He decided to bring his family to Canada. He recalls too well a night of horror spent in a ditch half-filled with water, trying to quiet his baby, and keep it from getting wet - or shot.

Louis DeClercq of Belgium was a large landowner over there, owned a couple of farms and a brewery. He was taken prisoner of war in both wars, arriving home so dreadfully then his wife didn't even know him. In both wars Mrs. DeClercq had known the indignities of occupation: "ca n'est pas agreable!" was her understatement.

Marcel Collez was a butcher in Belgium, his pretty wife a farm girl. Kees Stokkermans and his wife were from a well-to-do farm family. They still have difficulty with the language, but the children are already chattering English learned in school. The drawbacks of Canada? Only one - mosquitoes.

We're proud of the type of immigrants we've got on the land", said Gerard Vandenbussche. "These are real farmers, not merely farm hands, the kind that came 20 years ago with me. The farmer of the Old Country is a landed man, one of considerable wealth so to speak, and well-behaved. These people know how to work, and they are not afraid of long hours of back-breaking toil to get themselves settled. At night they will be packaging celery that they lifted during the day, maybe until 10 o'clock. They've got to get themselves established, even though they've got money back in the Old Country.

(Compiled by Doris Cook)

KING TOWNSHIP AND THE HOLLAND MARSH

King township has several natural features which give it special notoriety. The rolling hills and ridges which constitute its east-west backbone were formed by the pushing, plowing, squeezing action of great fingers of ice at the close of the last glacial period. These fingers extend from far to the east westward and lie between the bodies of water now known as Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario. When the glacier came to its end some ten or fifteen thousand years ago, the soil drift which it carried settled, or was carried about by the outrushing streams from its core and deposited in strange patterns of sand, gravel and clay. Long ridges composed of sand and gravel such as we now see in fields here and there trace the course of the "bleeding arteries" of the dying "glacial giant". We dig into them to obtain gravel for our roads, or sow our grain on their surfaces without a thought as to their interesting origin. We may think of the great hills that cross King Township as having always been there, yet they were not. These hills provide the very "look" of our township and determine much of its precise character. They indicate the direction of drainage and make Kettleby Creek, for example, flow north to the Holland River, and thence on to Lake Simcoe, Couchiching, Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Lake Ontario, and on down the St. Lawrence River to the sea. There are many little features of interest in our township if we will but look and see. Many of the little lakes dotted across the middle are situated in dimples in the land and have no outlet. The hollows mark where great chunks of glacier ice, perhaps buried in the debris, finally melted, leaving a pit in the general surface. They were not washed out by action of water.

The great marsh of the Holland River is perhaps the most important physical feature of the region. For the most part the broad valley which contains it was not formed by the carving action of running water. It was a bay of a great glacial lake, named Lake Algonquin, which once included Lakes Simcoe, Georgian Bay and all the upper Great Lakes. Once upon a time, therefore, Kettleby might have been a port from which we could have travelled by boat to Fort William more or less in a straight line - but, of course, there were no people in Kettleby then, in fact no boat and no Kettleby. At one post-glacial period there was a lesser lake in the Schomberg-Pottageville region. It drained down the Holland valley for a time but has long since disappeared. But before it died out it laid down a deposit of fine white clay which one can see here and there in the cut banks of creeks and streams.

After glaciation the country was a long time drying out. (now our fear is that it may get too dry). Eventually the land was covered by primeval forests of "cedar, hemlock and pine, with a little hardwood intermixed". Sound stubs of cedar may still be found some feet below the humus and close to the clay laid down by Lake Schomberg near Pottageville. With the forest came the birds and mammals, etc., which were the original settlers.

Finally there came a time when Indians occupied the region. They travelled much on the Holland River carrying their birch-bark canoes overland to and from the Humber. Their portage trail could not have been far from Kettleby and my guess is it was roughly along the line of the new highway, but, of course, it was not as wide, nor as straight, as the white man's road. Perhaps it was equally dangerous! Then white man too used this route (from 1610 to 1793) to get to Georgian Bay from Lake Ontario. The sound of their muskets surely echoed over Kettleby Ridge and their boats moved slowly up and down the meandering course of the Holland River.

King Township was originally surveyed in 1800 although subsequent alterations in 1851 gave it its present outline. The Township is said to embrace 86,014 acres. Much of it cannot be cultivated. The beauty and flavour of this region is due to its rough irregularity. Its hills, ponds, marshes and particularly its forest can be a source of spiritual profit if nothing else, but there is something else. The rough untilled land, especially if still forested, acts like a sponge and tends to hold back the wash of rains and soaks up the life-giving water for our wells and our streams. Ravish these situations and the top soil will disappear and the wells will go dry. Thus deserts are made. Draining the Holland Marsh was justifiable. By confining the water of the marsh to its present channels we do not desiccate the land, we merely control the position of the water to suit our purpose.

As to the exact history of the "marsh" as we know it to-day, I can give very little. The project was long talked about before it was undertaken. It represents an outstanding piece of engineering and reflects the solid, practical, long view of the people of this community. They have developed a splendid source of prosperity without destroying their environment in the process. So often in exploiting the land we "kill the goose that lays the golden egg". However, we must look to the preservation of our headwaters and uplands. We must preserve the forests, at the source, and along the course of our creeks. We should learn to contour plow. Perhaps we should turn back some poor rough land to mother nature.

This little sketch might be concluded by a few historic bits of local interest:

1. The corduroy ribs of the old winding stage-coach road from Kettleby to Lloydtown can still be seen on the Stephen Munshaw farm between Kettleby and Pottageville.
2. These stage coaches stopped at an inn in Pottageville which stood on the north east of the Lloydtown (Aurora-Schomberg road) and 7th concession corner. Merriman's house rests on the original foundation of this inn and these people occasionally find old English coins in their garden and chicken yard.
3. From the record of 1809 for this general region the regulations stipulated that "fences shall be five feet high" and "hogs shall be commoners".
4. Brass musical instruments were once manufactured at Holland Landing.
5. The great figure in our history, La Salle, once used the trail from the Humber to the Holland and thus past the site of Kettleby.

Compiled by L. L. Snyder,
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Royal Ontario Museum of
Zoology, Toronto.



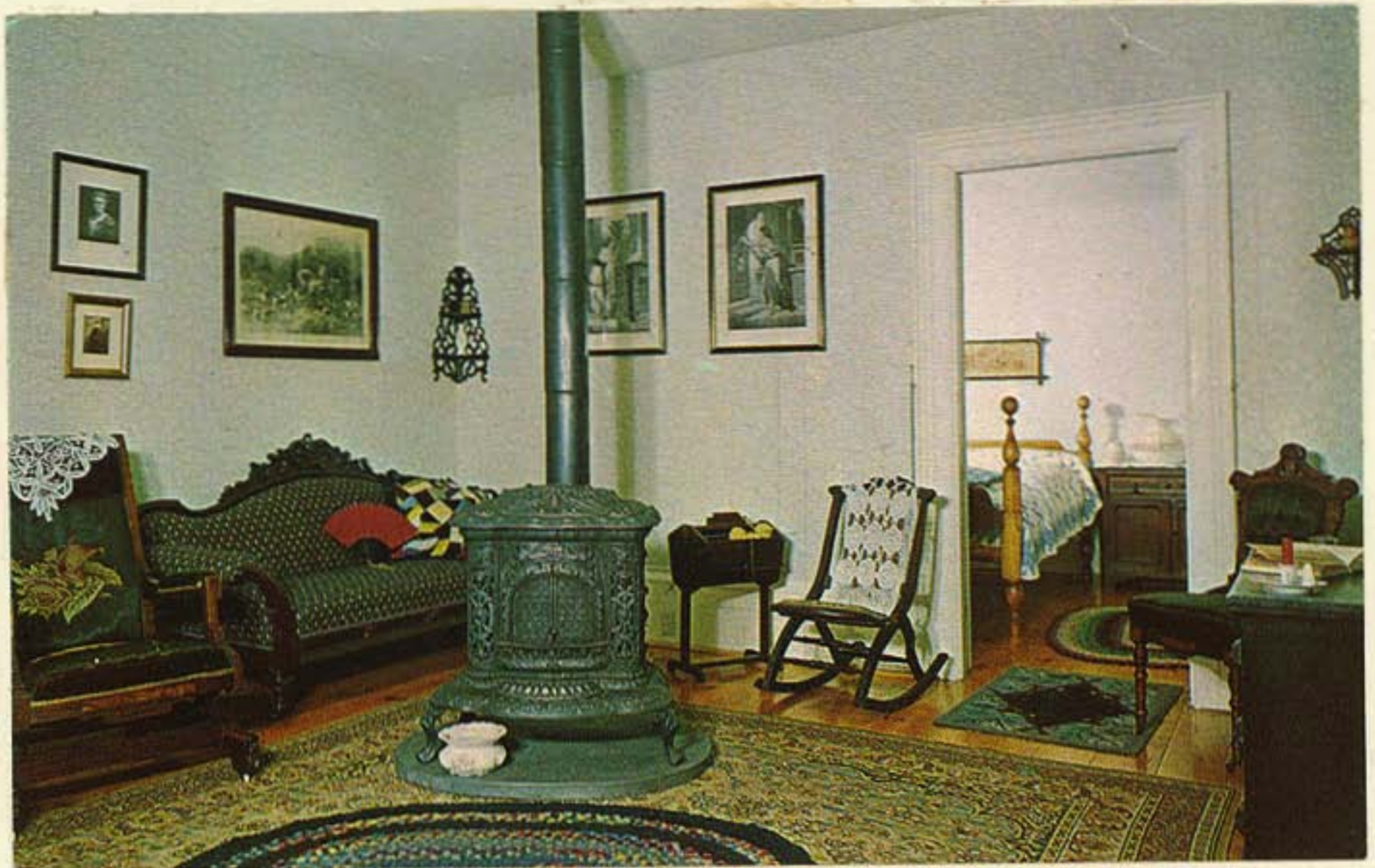
Holland Marsh before development. Taken at end of the 6th concession. Car belonging to A.J. Hambleton

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

ADELAIDE HOODLESS HOME

(Birth place of the founder of the Women's Institute)



ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS



This tribute to Mrs. Hoodless was placed on a plaque at the Homestead by the Ontario Archaeological and Historic Sites Board.

"Adelaide Hunter Hoodless 1857-1910"

Adelaide Hoodless was born in this farm house and lived here until she married John Hoodless 1881. On February 19th, 1897 she organized at Stoney Creek the world's first Women's Institute. It was her belief that in this organization rural women could discuss their problems and work together to improve their standard of home-making and citizenship. The movement spread rapidly throughout Ontario and later to other provinces. Mrs. Hoodless, a natural leader and forceful speaker, introduced the teaching of domestic science into Ontario schools and obtained funds for the building of MacDonald Institute at Guelph.

The Homestead was purchased by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in 1959 - It is being restored and furnished in the period when Adelaide Hunter Hoodless lived there. This is a project of all Inst-

itutes in Canada.

A cairn bearing this inscription stands at the junction of Highways 5 and 24, a half mile from the Homestead.

"To commemorate the birthplace of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, 1857 - 1910, who founded the Women's Institute, February 19, 1897, erected by the Women's Institutes of Brant County, unveiled by her Excellency Lady Tweedsmuir, Oct. 7, 1937"

When the Scottish Rural Institute members made a tour of rural Canada in 1939, a flag pole and flag were dedicated in the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial Park.

The South Dumfries Township Council erected a plaque in 1958: "Birthplace of Adelaide Hoodless, Founder of Women's Institutes".

The National Historic Sites and Monuments Board erected a plaque in June of 1962 proclaiming Adelaide Hunter Hoodless an eminent Canadian.



“FOREWORD”

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes, and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them “The Tweedsmuir Village Histories”.

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.

LORD AND LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Susan Tweedsmuir was the daughter of the late Honorable Norman Grosvenor, a member of the ducal family of Westminster, and also descended from a sister of the great Duke of Wellington. She wrote several books as well as being interested in drama, having written some short plays. She was Past President of the Elsfeld Women's Institute of England, and for some years was President of the Federated Institutes of Oxfordshire. She was also Honorary President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Speaking to the Women's Institute, City View and Merivale Branch of Carleton County, at the beautiful farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, ten miles from Ottawa, on March 26th, 1936, she told of the work of her own branch in England of 36 members, and said: "I cannot help but compare this comfortable meeting place to ours, which is a fourteenth century barn with a stone floor and the stove away in a corner. Our programme is like yours - the business, then a speaker or play and the social hour. Our branch is small in numbers but I like that, as there is not apt to be jealousies and cliques, and it is friendlier when we all draw up to the fire for our tea. I am a country woman and I am always happy to be with other country women. It is so good to be at a Women's Institute meeting again and I am particularly pleased to meet some of the Canadian pioneer workers here to-day, she concluded."

John Buchan was born in Scotland on August 26th, 1875, his father a minister and his mother the daughter of a minister. Bursaries helped ease the burden of sending him through Glasgow University and then on to Oxford. He was admitted to the English bar in 1901, and soon after he went to South Africa as private secretary to the High Commissioner, Lord Milner, where he learned much of the secrets of the Empire during the Boer War. Two years later on returning to England he gave up his private practice of law to join his Oxford friend, Thomas Nelson, in the publishing business. As well as his active management of the firm, he released several novels, histories, biographies and newspaper articles. During World War 1 he saw active service in the Intelligence Corp and was later promoted to Director of Information under the Prime Minister. After the war his literary work grew and he added to his reputation of being a great scholar that of being a distinguished figure in the world of letters.

From 1927 to 1935 he was a member of Parliament for the Scottish Universities and in 1934 was Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland. In 1935 he was commissioned to be Governor General of Canada, a position lauded by all Canadians, as heretofore it had been given to those of royal blood or at least of hereditary aristocracy. But shortly thereafter John Buchan was made the first Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfeld. He will ever be remembered by Canadians, not only through his books, but as a kindly man at home with Canadians from coast to coast, and as the only Governor General to serve under three monarchs. We, as members of the Women's Institute, will always be grateful to Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir for their inspiration to compile our village histories.

(Given at Historical Research Meeting
March 1960)

PROGRAMME

1911 - 1912

KETTLEBY BRANCH

of the

NORTH YORK

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

MEETINGS HELD THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

AT THE HOMES OF THE MEMBERS

AT HALF PAST TWO

FOR HOME AND COUNTRY

Nov. 22nd

Home of Mrs. H. Ramsden

Christmas Preparations - Mrs. H. Ramsden

Inexpensive Christmas Gifts - Mrs. W. Curtis

January

Home of Mrs. L. Watson

Subject selected - Mrs. C. F. Doan

February

Home of Mrs. J. A. Marshall

Social problems and how to meet them
- Mrs. H. Davis

March

Home of Mrs. J. Tatton

Spring house cleaning - Mrs. T. Ellison

April

Home of Mrs. W. Curtis

The value of cheerfulness - Mrs. B. Hilborn

The evils of fault finding - Miss E. Hambleton

PROGRAMME - 1911 - 1912

May

ANNUAL MEETING

Home of Mrs. B. Hilborn

How we are benefited by meeting together
- Mrs. J. A. Marshall

June

Home of Mrs. J. Spragg

Color and its effects on interiors
- Mrs. K. Fox

Furnishing the living room for comfort
- Mrs. W. Bogart

OFFICERS

President - Mrs. L. T. Watson
vice-Pres. - Mrs. B. Hilborn
Sec. Treas. - Miss M. Elliott

DIRECTORS

Mrs. K. Hughey Mrs. J. Spragg
Mrs. J. A. Marshall

COMMITTEE

Mrs. r. Walton - Mrs. K. Fox



Mrs. Levi Watson - First President
of Kettleby Branch of the Women's
Institute



W. I. meeting held at Ruth Edwards Wilson's in Kettleby when a contest of the making of hats from kitchen utensils was put on. These were some of the better models - Sadie Billings, Dora Conover, Lillian West, Nora Blackburn, Audrey Schmidt, Anne Sproule, Peggy Blatchford and Grace Burns.

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NEWS ITEMS OF KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1954 - With their respective presidents, Mrs. N. G. Sproule, Mrs. Howard Morning and Mrs. Albert Farren, 40 members of King Ridge, Snowball and Kettleby W. I. branches were guests of the King City branch on May 11th. They were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Austin Rumble. Brief highlights of the W.I. Presidents' Conference at Guelph were given by Mrs. Rumble. Mrs. Archie Campbell read a bulletin from the Canadian Consumers' Association.

Visiting branches contributed to the program when a skit was given by Mrs. Pat McGeehan, Mrs. Aston and Mrs. Sproule of King Ridge. Mrs. Ken Carson sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Verdun Gordon, King City. From Kettleby Mrs. Robert Carson and Mrs. John Davis sang two duets, accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Webster. Miss Sheila Davison, representing the Snowball group, sang two numbers, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Wm. Davison. On behalf of Miss Jessie Gellatly, Mrs. T. L. Williams conducted a contest for the local branch.

Mrs. E. Reddick, Snowball, district president, spoke briefly and Mrs. A. E. Jarvis thanked the visitors for their hearty response and splendid turn-out. Mrs. Norman Wade convened refreshments.

1954 - Kettleby branch met at the home of Mrs. Robert Carson with Mrs. A. Farren, president, in the chair. It was decided to take the annual treat to the folk at York County Home for Thanksgiving.

The flower report was given by Mrs. R. Warlow. The guest speaker was Miss Frances Miller, public health nurse at School Area No. 1. She spoke of the great opportunities the children of to-day had through the Health Unit, and explained how this unit carried on. At her conclusion there was a question period and much valuable information was received. A piano solo was given by Robert Carson and a contest on fruits and vegetables was held.

Hostesses were Mrs. R. Jewitt, Mrs. G. Cook, Mrs. W. Hodgson and Mrs. G. Tienkamp.

NEWS ITEMS OF KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- 1954 - The Kettleby Branch met at the home of Mrs. G. Heacock on Thursday evening with the President, Mrs. A. Farren, in the chair. It was decided to have a penny round-up bag again this year to help the Mental Health Association.

Mrs. G. Tienkamp gave an interesting paper on African violets. The roll call was an exchange of plants and a number of violets were brought for exchange.

A demonstration of shell craft by Mrs. John Davis was given. Mrs. Davis finished a picture and made a pair of ear rings and these were donated as lucky draws. Mrs. R. Warlow won the picture and Mrs. Close the earrings. Hostesses were Mrs. C. Walton, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. G. Heacock and Mrs. K. Hunt.

- 1954 - The annual election of officers for Kettleby Branch was held at the home of Mrs. J. Davis. Officers are as follows: president - Mrs. A. Farren, vice president - Mrs. J. Davis, 2nd vice president - Mrs. K. Hunt, sec. treas. - Mrs. W. Hodgson, Assist. - Mrs. H. Burns, pianist - Mrs. Murray Cook, assist. - Mrs. H. Webster.

The meeting was in favor of making a house to house canvass for the Salvation Army, and accepted the invitation to the King branch on May 11.

The hostess took pictures with her movie camera and will be shown at a future meeting. The next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Gene Polkinhorne on May 26th.

- 1954 - A number of girls, members of the Sunday School and six boys took part in the evening service at Kettleby United Church, when they rendered Mother's Day songs, on April 8th. Mrs. A. Marshall read the scripture reading, Margaret Davis, John Maginn and Ray Marshall took part in the responsive reading. The service ended with the church choir singing a Mother's Day anthem.

- 1954 - The Kettleby Branch heard two fine reports at the May meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Polkinhorne on the evening of May 26th. Mrs. R. Hunt reported on the district annual at Temperanceville and Mrs. A. Farren on the Presidents' conference at Guelph. Mrs. Carol Proctor was the winner of second prize in the art exhibit at the district annual.

The canvass and donation from the branch totalled \$137.60 for the Salvation Army appeal. The proceeds from the W.I. booth at the girls softball dance were turned over to their club. The purchase of \$6.00 worth of plants for the cenotaph

NEWS ITEMS OF KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- 1954 - and the new school. Mrs. H. Burns won the guessing contest. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. H. Burns on June 24th.
- 1956 - Kettleby Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. J. Tienkamp on Thursday evening with Mrs. A. Farren, president, in the chair. Plans were made in regard to the District Annual Convention to be held at Kettleby this year, Mrs. F. Beatty, convenor of Historical Research and Current Events announced that April 12 was the date set for the branch to visit Mrs. Neil's museum at Thornhill.

Mrs. R. Graham explained the motto. Mrs. H. Webster gave the flower report and Mrs. J. Davis showed movies of her trip to Florida. Roll call for this meeting was "bring an item for the Tweedsmuir History book." Current events was given by Mrs. N. Blatchford. The date for a euchre was set for March 20th.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. J. Harmon to the hostesses, Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. G. Tienkamp, Mrs. A. Hay and Mrs. J. Tienkamp.

- 1956 - This branch will meet at the home of Mrs. Gordon Cook on Feb. 23rd. The Motto, "Tomorrow is another day, make it a good one" will be taken by Mrs. E. Blatchford. Roll call "bring your own recipe". There will be a demonstration of making "Hungarian Goulash".

Mrs. Fred Hare of Temperanceville will be the guest speaker. The program has been planned by the Home Economics and Health committee, convened by Mrs. H. Heacock. Hostess will be Mrs. N. Blatchford, Mrs. S. Richardson, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. L. Blackburn and Mrs. G. Polkinhorne.

KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 1st, 1957

Kathleen (Webb) Armstrong	Eliza (Barker) Hodgson
Elizabeth (Oliver) Armstrong	Edith (Mount) Hollingshead
Muriel (Crawford) Beatty	Frances (Walton) Hunt
Joyce (Reynolds) Black	Gertrude (Hughey) Hunter
Nora (Cull) Blackburn	Dora (McClure) Jewitt
Maureen "Sue" (Carroll) Blackett	Mildred (Dooks) Jewitt
Marie (Jewell) Blatchford	Ruth (Hambleton) Maginn
Margy (Brown) Blatchford	Myrtle (Jardine) Mitchell
Grace (Brown) Burns	Dahlia (Kerr) Polkinghorne
Laura (Black) Carson	Dorothy (Lake) Pleasance
Maureen (Snell) Cherry	Bernice (Webster) Proctor
Mrs. F. Crane	Carol (Innes) Proctor
Margaret (Hay) Davis	Vera (Kritzer) Richardson
Mabel (Walker) Day	Audrey (Tatton) Schmidt
Hazel (Sharp) deVries	Loyis (Routery) Tienkamp
Mrs. L. deVries	Dorreen (Funnell) Tienkamp
Violet (West) Farren	Alice (Groot) Valentyne
Edith (Dolson) Geer	Bessie (Jamieson) Walton
Betty (Webster) Gillham	Fern (Preston) Walton
Eleanor (Murphy) Graham	Evonne (Farren) Warlow
Kathleen (Black) Greensides	Merna (Geer) Webster
Ruth (Jackson) Hamilton	Dorothy (Wiley) Weldrick
Elinor (Pattenden) Hay	Lillian (Mount) West
Lyda (Dutcher) Harmon	Ruth (Edwards) Wilson
Velma (Close) Heacock	Ermine (Wasley) Wilson

Kettleby Women's institute met at the Anglican Hall on September 25th, 1958, with Mrs. H. Burns, the President in the chair. The motto was explained by Mrs. M. Cook. Flower report was given by Mrs. R. Jewitt. It was decided that each member should donate a gift to be taken to York Manor for the men and women there, as a thanksgiving treat. Also, a program is to be put on, convenor to be Mrs. J. Davis. Members are asked to leave gifts with Mrs. G. Armstrong, Secretary, as soon as possible.

Mrs. F. Weldrick was elected as delegate to the Area convention to be held in Toronto in November. Mrs. G. Shoults, District President, gave a short address and greetings were brought by the District Secretary, Mrs. G. Smith.

The meeting was in charge of the Historical Research Committee with Mrs. J. Maginn as convenor assisted by Mrs. E. West, Mrs. G. Heacock, Mrs. F. Schmidt, Mrs. M. Cook, Mrs. H. Webster, Mrs. N. Greensides, Mrs. R. Hunt and Mrs. F. Beatty. All wore old fashioned costumes and re-enacted the first meeting of the institute at Kettleby, using the officers and members names at that time. "Flashes from the Past" were given by Mrs. N. Greensides. An ice cream social was planned, the charge to be .10¢. Also, a delegate sent to the convention for three days - \$1.50 being allowed for her expenses. A poem "My Grandmother's Apron" was given by Mrs. E. West. Applause showed the enjoyment of this skit.

A contest was won by Mrs. H. Proctor and Mrs. J. D. Conover. Lunch was served by the Historical Research Convenor and assistants and consisted of tea biscuits with jam, honey, brown sugar and cinnamon, apple pie and cheese and tea.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. G. Tienkamp.

(Aurora Banner)

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RE-ENACTING THE FIRST KETTLEBY W.I. MEETING
 OF JANUARY 1911 - SINGING THE OPENING ODE -
 (from left to right) - DORIS GEER COOK,
 RUTH HAMBLETON MAGINN, VELMA CLOSE HEACOCK,
 KATHLEEN BLACK GREENSIDES, MURIEL CRAWFORD
 BEATTY, FRANCES WALTON HUNT, AUDREY TATTON
 SCHMIDT, LILLIAN MOUNT WEST, and MERNA GEER
 WEBSTER (at the piano)



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MRS. BERT HILBORN AND
MRS. ARTHUR MARSHALL,
ORIGINAL MEMBERS, WITH
MRS. W. CRANE, OUR OLDEST
MEMBER AT THE PRESENT
TIME IN THE CENTRE.

GEMS OF HISTORY ARE LOCAL HAPPENINGS

(Motto at meeting under Historical Research and Current Events - February 1958)

The village of Kettleby got its name from events connected with the mill pond, which, of course, is now just a memory. Mr. Tyrwhitt and Mr. Eaton, who were in partnership, built the 3½ storey mill that was burned in 1950. The pond afforded skating in winter and swimming in summer, and, of course, the dam made the power that ground the farmers' wheat into flour and chop for their animals. Five times that we know of the pond went on the rampage and the dam was washed out. Finally hydro was installed and the water power was not needed. The name - Kettleby Mills - was given to the village by Mrs. Eaton, naming it after a village in England. The 'Mills' part was dropped in later years. Kettleby boasted two hotels, two stores, a telephone office, cheese factory, a tailor shop employing three tailors, two blacksmith shops, and a nursery, at one time in its history.

How many can remember the dredging of the canal in the Holland Marsh? Professor Day had great plans and faith in the marsh. It always seems a pity when men such as he do not live to see their dreams come true, although perhaps it was just as well he did not live to see the terrible things that Hurricane Hazel did to his beloved project. How many remember the marsh fires in the fall of the year?

When the Holland Marsh was still a young project as far as growing vegetables were concerned, the townline from the fifth through to the eighth concessions was opened up for their convenience and others who used it to shorten the trip from Newmarket through to Schomberg. Until this time it was a narrow trail made of railway ties and unfit for cars or trucks as it is now.

The Christian Baptist church used to hold their garden parties in the Ramsden orchard just south of the church and I can remember well before there was electricity they had torches in the apple trees to light the orchard for the program which was held on a temporary platform built for the evening's entertainment.

When we first heard that the new Super Highway 400 was coming through our community we weren't sure just how it would effect us. It has proved a quick means of travel into Toronto and points north. I only wish that the sign at the Aurora Cloverleaf saying "Aurora" had a small addition saying "Kettleby".

GEMS OF HISTORY ARE LOCAL HAPPENINGS - Cont'd.

Then, of course, the highway necessitated the forming of a school area. The four local schools were closed and dwellings made of them. I never will get used to seeing a washing hanging out at the back, television aerials on the roof, and curtains on the windows.

These are just a very few of the events that have happened in our community that can go down in history, but we like to think that our W. I. with its own long history adds to the interesting story.

(Given by Kathleen Greensides, a member of the Tweedsmuir History Committee)



Pyjama party - Back row,
left to right: Ann Harmon,
Mary Blackburn, Mary Walton,
Minnie Rae, Martha Archi-
bald, Hilda Blackburn.

Front row: Gertrude Blackburn,
Merna Geer, Mary Smith, Leila
Webster, Mary Barradel.



Special group of west
and north concession
members of W.I. at a
party at Ruth Maginn's
in July 1960.



Bessie Walton, Frances Hunt, Laura
Carson, Marjorie Black, Doug. Brookes
and Vince DeVitta putting up the
Women's Institute welcome sign across
from the Anglican church in Kettleby.

April 1976

1911



1961

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Fiftieth Anniversary

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KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

HAS 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Cars filled the churchyard and lined the Kettleby main street last Saturday afternoon, January 21, 1961, when Christ Church parish hall was filled to capacity with over 250 Women's Institute members who came to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Kettleby branch.

This happy event recalled the day, exactly 50 years ago on January 23, 1911, when 21 women from the hamlet and farms of Kettleby gathered in Sons of Temperance Hall to form the W.I. branch which has functioned ever since, through two wars, a depression and a hurricane disaster, as well as through happier days and whose motto at all times is "For Home and Country".

"It was a day like this, cold with maybe more snow", remembered Mrs. E. Clarkson of Newmarket, a charter member, who returned to take part in this celebration with another charter member, Mrs. A. Marshall of Kettleby. Both ladies wore golden corsages, and similar corsages were sent to two other charter members, Mrs. A. Hilborn and Mrs. William Robertson, who were unable to be present.

Looking at the women who represented the local branch, and five representatives of the other 12 W.I. branches of Centre York District, presidents and secretaries of four York Districts, and former members who returned for this occasion, it was inspiring to observe their interest in the proceedings and to note the fashionable attire of all present. The thought must have been with some of the older members that this was a more gaily dressed group than the small gathering at Kettleby 50 years ago. Hats on this day in January were more colorful than on a cold day in 1911, and to be sure, skirts were inches shorter than were worn when the ladies arrived in their horse drawn sleighs on January 21, 1911.

President, Mrs. Harry Burns, wearing a black silk suit and jaunty black hat, presided and introduced the two charter members and regretted the absence of two charter members. She also introduced life members, Mrs. E. West, Mrs. A. Farren, Mrs. R. Carson, and Mrs. L. Blackburn, also Mrs. Robert Graham, who is a life member of the Stayner branch. All wore corsages of yellow mums. Mrs. Burns also introduced

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Mrs. C Hooper, Vice-President York East District; Mrs. H. Wood and Mrs. M. Roden, President and Secretary West York District, Mrs. Ross Armitage and Mrs. G. Smith, President and Secretary Centre York District.

Past President, Mrs. Albert Farren, former provincial board director and former regional vice president of Ontario FWIO, was convener of the program and read letters of regret from 15 invited guests who included provincial president Mrs. Lila Lymburner of Port Colborne, chairman of Central Area, Mrs. Carl Moynes of Oakwood, provincial secretary treasurer, Mrs. Ida Holder of Mona Road, and a former member Mrs. Phyllis Davis of Vancouver.

Mrs. Farren also introduced Mrs. Elton Armstrong, provincial board director, who is also a member of York Centre. In bringing greetings from the 33 members who sit at the provincial table, Mrs. Armstrong added that the provincial level is just like a regular W. I. Meeting "Some say too much and some just sit". She congratulated this branch, first in the area honored when a member, Mrs. Farren, was elected to the provincial board.

Mrs. Farren also introduced Mrs. J. Hermanson, Vice Chairman, Central Area and secretary of radio committee, who brought greetings from the Toronto area.

First speaker of the afternoon was Reeve William Hodgson, who added his congratulations to the township's thanks for the many times that this branch has aided the community, especially at the time of Hurricane Hazel. A beautiful basket of yellow flowers was the gift from the township.

Final speaker was Mrs. Wm. Hodgson, who made a graceful courtesy speech of thanks to all who contributed to the program, not forgetting Sharyn Beatty who danced the Charleston in a handsome beaded gown, complete with swinging beads, of the early 20's and Nancy Greensides who played the piano during the guests arrival. Also, Mrs. M. Hunt of Bobleton, who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Albert Hill, when she sang "Road to the Isles"; "Home Sweet Home" and two Negro Spirituals.

Names of all past presidents were read by Mrs. William Gillham and "As at all happy family gatherings there are empty seats

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Mrs. Robert Graham conducted a memorial service, "with love and affection for the 42 members who shared in the forming and building of this W.I. who are no longer here". As the names were read a moment of silence was observed.

No anniversary would be complete without reminscences, and some of the highlights of this branch were read from the Tweedsmuir Book by Mrs. Norman Greensides. This began with the first meeting when 13 women of the 21 present became charter members, and Mrs. Levi Watson was elected president, to the Christmas party that was held at the home of Mrs. John Davis at the end of last year.

First hostess was Mrs. Artemus Hambleton. First fees were .25¢ and lunch was not served during the first year. Vocal solos provided entertainment with sometimes gramophone records added for novelty. Debates were popular, one debate "That fashions were more detrimental to the community than tobacco" cost fashion the vote. One meeting discussed "How to spend winter evenings".

In 1912 a pie social was held, admission price being .10¢. When the branch provided not noon dinner for King Township council the roast beef cost \$1.37 says the records.

At one time there was just \$2.08 in the treasury at the end of the year, and another year a donation was given so that there would be a bank balance. In 1931 a speaker dealt with a new term "communism". Although frightening, this subject seemed too remote for Kettleby ladies. In 1935 Kettleby branch paid \$1.50 towards their delegate's expenses at the annual convention.

At the 25th anniversary, Mrs. Charles Doane, who conducted the first meeting, returned to cut the anniversary cake. There were 35 ladies and 7 children present at that occasion.

During the first war kettleby branch formed a Red Cross group. In the second war they adopted a W. I. branch at Horsel, Surrey, and an English family and sent parcels of comforts regularly. Mrs. Young of Horsel was their visitor in 1951 when WIFO met in Toronto and she continues their friend. These were some of Mrs. Greensides' notes.

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On this afternoon it was noticed that three generations of one family, all members, were present. They were Mrs. E. West, her daughter, Mrs. Ferren, and her granddaughter Mrs. Robert Warlow. There were also about a dozen mothers and daughters all members of this branch, also former members from a distance, among them Mrs. Mary Corns of Toronto, Mrs. Ernest Fry of Streetsville, Mrs. Ernest Blatchford, Willowdale, Mrs. Wesley Sabin, Painswick. Mrs. James Archibald, formerly Olive Watson, daughter of Mrs. L. T. Watson, the first president, who brought Greetings from Elora W. I. and Mrs. Russell Hunter of London.

A most pleasant hour was spent when delicious dainties were served by daughters of W. I. members, under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Webster who was in charge of the refreshment committee. Two sets of twins, Elizabeth and Margaret Black and Gertrude and Roberta Hunt were assistants and Pauline Schmidt and Sylvia Greensides attended the head table.

Mrs. E. Clarkson and Mrs. A. Marshall, as charter members, and Mrs. Leo Blackburn as oldest Life member and secretary for 25 years, poured tea at a table that was covered with a beautiful embroidered cloth, and decorated with a handsome three tier anniversary cake that was made by Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. George Heacock and cut by Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Crane, oldest member in years.

Two bouquets of yellow and blue flowers, the colors of the institute, which were the gift of Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, also graced the table and golden candles in silver holders carried out the golden theme of the anniversary party.

KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NOTE: The Committee on Historical Research feel that the history of our Institute can best be portrayed through the notes and research prepared and given by Mrs. Norman Greensides (nee Kathleen Black) at our Fiftieth Anniversary.

"Madam President, Honoured Guests and Fellow Members:

To-day we are celebrating our fiftieth birthday, so, of course, it is only fitting that we should have a review of the high lights of those years. This is not an easy task, you will agree, for any member or ex-member knows that branches cannot be kept going by the more exciting events that go into history; but rather by the slow methodical procedure that is the custom of Women's Institute organizations.

Also, in preparing a history one has to avoid statistics as much as possible; then, too, one must use names sparingly for in mentioning some; others are left out. I do hope that you will find this next fifteen minutes interesting and adequate.

The first Women's Institute in Ontario was formed in 1897 (fourteen years before our own) by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless of Stoney Creek, who felt that rural women should meet together and learn from one another. She had just lost her infant child and all because she was not aware that the milk she was feeding it was unboiled and dangerous.

Our branch here at Kettleby had its beginning at a meeting held in the Sons of Temperance Hall (which is just down the street from here) on the afternoon of January 23rd, 1911. Mrs. Charles Doan of Armitage was on hand to organize the gathering and the minutes written by Miss Mary Elliott (now Mrs. E. Clarkson of Aurora) are as follows:

"A Women's Institute was organized in Kettleby Temperance Hall on January 23rd by Mrs. Charles Doan of Armitage and the following officers were elected:

President	Mrs. Levi Watson
1st Vice-Pres.	Mrs. Bert Hilborn
Secretary-Treasurer	Miss Mary Elliott
Directors	Mrs. Spragge Mrs. Arthur Marshall Mrs. Rankin Hughey
Auditors	Mrs. Jas. Ramsden and Mrs. Jesse Tatton
District Director	Mrs. Levi Watson

First meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Artemus Hambleton.

Signed - Mrs. L. Watson, Pres.
Miss M. Elliott, Sec. Treas.

At the February meeting the opening hymn was "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and of the 21 ladies present 13 joined; and five more later in the year. Fees at this time were .25¢ per member and W. I. pins .15¢. Lunch was dispensed with for the first year.

Here are the subjects on which papers were given: "Cool dishes for summer" by Mrs. Frank Davis; "Different methods of Preparing Eggs" by Mrs. Rankin Hughey; "How to spend the Winter Evenings" by Mrs. W. Tribble; "Preparation of Salads" by Mrs. Jesse Tatton; "Poultry Raising" by Mrs. James Ramsden; "Value of Cheerfulness" by Mrs. Bert Hilborn; and a roll call "Best Months to Pack Butter and the Making of it".

Despite the fact that members travelled by horse and buggy we find that they had speakers from a distance and .50¢ was paid for their board and lodging. For many meetings gramophone selections were used for entertainment as well as piano selections and readings.

It is interesting to find that in these early years the roll call was set up in alphabetical order and then during the year they went down the list to the different members for a program committee.

A pie social with an admission fee of .10¢; ice cream 5¢ was held in 1912 while Mrs. J. A. Marshall was President.

A debate on the subject "Resolved that fashion is more detrimental to a community than tobacco" resulted in the decision that fashion was the worst offender; this was a February meeting in the Temperance Hall with an attendance of 24 ladies - the hall rent was \$1.50.

There is mention in the minutes of flowers being sent to the sick and of prizes given to the children at the School Fair.

During the years of the First World War the members worked for the Red Cross at their meetings. In October 1914 the minutes read that the President, Miss Mary Lemon, tendered her resignation but that it wasn't accepted by the meeting; the next sentence reveals that she was appointed to the Area Convention in Toronto. There seems to have been no meeting for three months

and then a motion in these records that - "the meetings be continued". The summer following a picnic was held at Bond Lake.

It is regrettable that we must now skip to 1926 because the records for the intervening ten years are missing. At this time Miss Ella Hilborn was President and Miss Aileen Marshall (Mrs. J. MacDonald) the Secretary Treasurer; Mrs. E. B. West the delegate to Area Convention and it was here that she won second prize and \$2.00 in a home-made hat competition.

Now, if you will pardon two personal happenings; it was here that my sisters and I entertained the W. I. while teenagers at home on the farm. The attendance was small - all the members could be brought with the President, Miss Hilborn, in her car. The cash on hand at the end of the year was \$2.08, and a motion in the minutes reads "that we try to carry on for another year".

The District Annual was held in Schomberg in 1931 and a car load of members were driven over by Mr. George Paxton (you will notice that we were not as efficient transportation-wise as the ladies of to-day). I can remember that the speaker's subject dealt with Communism and being a teenager (there I have practically told my age, and they say that a woman who will tell her age will tell anything), I am afraid that I had not heard the term 'communistic countries' before and thought that the speaker was frightening us about something that was very remote; exactly thirty years later and how wrong was he?

That same day there was a public speaking contest and because there were only two contestants entered I managed to win a book donated as a prize by Mrs. Charles of Aurora, entitled "Purple Springs" by Nellie McClung.

These years, of course, were the lean thirties and at the close of one year's work, the treasurer reports that a slight amount had to be donated to end the year in the black. The delegate to the Area Convention attended at her own expense. But now we have reached 1935 and the delegate was Mrs. Ernest Fry as we allowed her \$1.50 for her expenses.

It was in January 1936 that we celebrated our Twenty-fifth Anniversary and at the home of one of our hard-working and faithful members, Mrs. S. J. Heacock. Miss Annie Harmon was the President at the time and Mrs. Leo Blackburn the Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Charles Doan, who was on hand at the first meeting, cut the cake and Mrs. Charles was present to address the meeting. There were 35 ladies present and seven children; the hostess read letters from members who were unable to be present. The program consisted of a reading "Growing old, Growing Lovely" by Mrs. P. W. Ball, also a solo by Miss Bethel Black (Mrs. R. Marchant) accompanied by

Miss Laura Black (Mrs. Robert Carson) on the piano; current events by Mrs. E. Hollingshead.

A W. I. picnic was held at Bayview Beach and a dollar was taken from the funds for prizes; then several years later a picnic at Preston's Lake with an attendance of 10 members and a number of children. It is amusing to note that at one picnic the members donated prizes for a fat lady's race and a thin lady's race; also that the ladies were to be at a certain place to meet the truck that was to gather them up. One meeting place was "Tory Corner" - how many in this group know where that is?

It was in the thirties too that we served a hot noon meal to King Township Council and the meat for the meal was purchased for \$1.37.

First Aid Kits for the four local schools were supplied by our W.I. and kept filled; now, of course, these schools have been closed and supplies are still sent to the new Kettleby Area School.

We have now reached the time of the outbreak of the Second World War and our W. I. were again busy sending parcels to our boys overseas and working with the Salvation Army and Red Cross. We also had an adopted Institute in England and an adopted family to which we sent tea, clothing and other things. When the boys returned from overseas the W. I. along with the Community Club presented them each with a pen and pencil set. The names of two boys who did not return were engraved on the monument at the cemetery.

Almost every year from the beginning our branch has been represented at the Area Convention, and it is interesting to notice the gradual increase in the allowance that was necessary, until now it is about twenty times the original amount.

In 1946 Mrs. E. B. West was made our first Life member and presented with address and pin by the President, Miss Laura Black (Mrs. Robert Carson). Mrs. West has served many years on war work and has taken a special interest in the War Memorial at the cemetery.

The Branch has assisted with the chest x-ray unit, given a cup and saucer to members who have moved away, donated to the Salvation Army, Retarded Children, Adelaide Hoodless Fund, the Blind and many more worthy organizations which are too numerous to mention here.

Many visits have been made to the Ontario Hospital for Boys with treats; also to York Manor, particularly at Christmas when a number of our ladies give a small concert - there is always a question in their minds - they are never sure who gets the most enjoyment from the day, the entertainers or the entertained.

For the past few years our meetings have been held in the evenings, the reason being that the husbands and fathers make such fine built-in baby sitters; then too, we have had to hold our meetings in either of the two local halls because our membership has become so large that very few of the members' homes will accommodate us.

Our Branch was represented at the Guelph Conference and among the ideas our members brought back was the one where those who do not answer the roll call have to say "Dead Duck" instead. At the end of the meeting all the "dead ducks" must stand and be laughed at - the idea being, of course, that these members will make sure they are live ducks at the next meeting.

During the years we have had so many wonderful speakers and papers by the members; any number of our ladies who thought they just couldn't stand up before a meeting and speak have become very much at ease. In the past few years Mrs. Elton Armstrong gave us a day course on having to speak in public. You have, no doubt, read the comment of the Toronto T. V. columnist who wrote that Marg. Osborne, who sings with Don Messer and his Islanders, reminded him of a typical Women's Institute member. The most of us would be happy to look as pleasing as Mrs. Osborne, and we will assume that he meant the remark as a compliment.

In the year 1953 Mrs. Robert Carson was made a Life member in recognition of her many years of service both as President for a number of years and for her musical talents. Mrs. Carson has always been willing to help with whatever was asked of her.

Now we reach 1954 when Mrs. Albert Farren was elected Federation Representative for Centre York. Two years later our Branch honoured her with a Life membership and pin presented by Mrs. Norman Blatchford. In 1959 Mrs. Farren had the honour of being elected to the Provincial Board for a three year term as Regional Vice-President of Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. It was at our Christmas meeting this same year that the President, Mrs. Burns, presented Mrs. Farren with a corsege as a token of our pride in her recent appointment.

Our Branch is unique we feel in having as members a great grandmother, grandmother and mother in the same family - these ladies are Mrs. E. B. West, Mrs. Albert Farren and Mrs. Robert Warlow.

At one meeting we had Miss Burrows of King who built her own pink mud house. It was most interesting to hear of her trials and tribulations in the building period and her complete satisfaction when it was finished.

It was in the fifties that we had the pleasure of a visit from the President of Horsell Institute in England, our adopted Women's Institute of the war years. Mrs. Young attended the Area Convention along with two of our members.

A number of our members gained pen-pals as a result of having sent an aprong to the A.C.W.W. Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.

We are proud of our new area school here at Kettleby and the W. I. has helped to make the grounds more attractive by donating several trees and the planting of flowers and bulbs.

It was during our enjoyable Christmas meeting in 1959 that we acquired another Life member, namely, Mrs. Leo Blackburn, who served many years as secretary-treasurer some years ago. Mrs. Blackburn has always helped our Branch in whatever way she could, and even though she now lives in Newmarket we still have her with us at almost every meeting. Our Branch now has four Charter Members and four Life Members.

We have had so many educational slides, travelogues, demonstrations, bus trips, and our members have helped in the Tuck Shop at York County Hospital, served as representatives from the Branch to the Cemetery Board, Hospital Auxiliary, Aurora Horse Show, Federation of Agriculture, it is a shame we have to mention them so briefly.

The only woman on our Area School Board, Mrs. Geert Tienkamp, is also a W. I. member.

This past year the Historical Reasearch group provided the meeting with an amusing fashion parade; in each of the following attires a member and in most cases her daughter appeared in street wear of the present and the past, also as a housewife, go-to-church wear, beach, wedding, party, sports and sleep-wear. Mrs. Howard Proctor (Carol) kept up a running commentary and the result was much laughter.

Then, of course, in December of this year we had our annual Christmas party. This is an event that we look forward to very much and Mrs. John Davis entertained us at her home with a tree and all the trimmings.

Now this completes the history of our W. I.; and although we now have 50 names on the Roll Call we know that we must keep an ever-watchful eye on the words of that wonderful Women's Institute Creed that is repeated at each meeting, and practice what we say. When we celebrate our seventy-fifth birthday and then the hundredth, who knows maybe a number of those present to-day will be privileged to attend then."

January 21st, 1961.

Paper given by Audrey Tatton Schmidt (Mrs. Fred Schmidt)
at Institute picnic at Pioneer Village July 23th, 1961.

When I thought of Historical Events I didn't think I would need to go back too many years for my own family to think it historic.

I am going to start with my own family as that is what I know the most about. Our family is the fifth generation on our farm and the fourth house to be built on the farm is the one in which we live. The house previous to the present one was burned in 1931. The others were a log house at the north-west corner of the barn, and one in the south-west corner of the farm near the road by Cook's farm.

My Grandmother used to get up in the morning, do up her work, take a basket of butter and eggs and walk across the fields to Kettleby and be back home to get dinner, but in those days they got up at four or five o'clock.

I moved to this farm in 1929, and if we saw a car or horse and buggy coming north of Cook's gate we knew it was coming to our place as the green grass was growing up in the centre of the road past our farm and there was no road across to Schomberg. The only house on the marsh was a couple of shacks known as Rolls in the centre of the marsh. In order to have the telephone installed my Father had to dig the post holes and supply posts from Cook's gate to our house.

Of great interest to me was the ice cream parlor in Kettleby which my Grandmother, Mrs. Major Stephenson, had in the old house between the store and the blacksmith shop. It was always quite an event to see them cut the ice in the mill pond, haul it up and store it in saw dust in an ice house between the store and house.



Fashion Show by Historical Research Committee plus a few other members at the annual Convention held at the Royal York Hotel, November 1963, with members using the apparel of the past representing a housewife, church, afternoon calling, sports, wedding and formal, with the younger generation in the modern attire.



Sharyn Beatty, Ruth Maginn, Lillian West, Audrey Schmidt, Maureen Cherry, Kathleen Greensides, Betty Gillham.



Nancy Greensides, Eliza Hodgson, Doris Cook, Frances Hunt, Vicki Beatty, Bonnie Warlow, Violet Farren, Sandra Maginn, Roberta Hunt, Gertrude Hunt, Betty Gillham.

HISTORICAL RE-
SEARCH FASHION
SHOW

At the Royal York
Hotel - Convention
November 1963.



Frances Walton Hunt



Roberta Hunt



Gertrude Hunt

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1963.



Eliza Hodgson



Audrey Tatton Schmidt



Doris Geer Cook

ACTIVITIES DURING 1964 TO 1977 OF
KETTLEBY BRANCH OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The activities of our institute, whose membership has decreased over the years, has been varied and interesting. Our Diamond anniversary was celebrated at York Pines United Church on January 23, 1971, sixty years to the date of the inaugural meeting, with one of the two surviving charter members present, and the special address was given by the late Mrs. E. Armstrong.

Many interesting speakers brought information during the above thirteen years on the work amongst the Indians, on pollution, estate taxes, growing and use of herbs, women and the law, politics at the municipal level, on mining, telecare, trip to the A.C.W.W. in Australia and Norway, educational problems, a librarian, consumer consultant, designer and maker of dolls.

Special meetings which might be mentioned are that of Dr. Norman Alcock, founder of Canada Peace Research Institute; Mrs. A. Gillham, author of "Early Settlements in King Township"; speaking on "Carrying Place" in the township of King. Also, the celebration of the United Nations 24th anniversary with a cake surrounded by the 126 flags of the nations and 24 candles, with the guest speaker, a delegate to the United Nations and a resident of our community; Mr. Price Erichson-Brown; a meeting at the home of Mrs. Franc Joubin, wife of the discoverer of uranium, who is a talented hobbyist with a "hobby building" on their farm. Robert Burns' birthday celebrated at the Scottish home of Mr. Lloyd MacPherson with Scottish dances and ceremonial haggis; as well as a meeting on the metric system.

Movies of various trips of the members; of Indian and Eskimo people of the North West Territories, as well as the conventions in Norway and Australia.

Tours were taken to McMichael's Gallery with afternoon tea at the Doctor's House; Sterling Drug Company, Pinecrest Foods, the log house of a dealer in antiques where we had our meeting and a lunch as it would have been fifty years ago.

Trips were taken to Niagara Falls, to Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, to see the Christmas story; McLaughlin Planetarium; Atwood Interiors at Thornhill. We also saw the Sound of Music at Eglinton Theatre and attended plays at St. Andrew's College and the Factory Theatre.

Our special doings were Penny Sales, a Fun Fair, picnics at members' cottages, dinners and luncheons at various eating places; attending Bradford's salad supper.

Christmas meetings took the form of special programs at members' homes, a smorgasbord in Aurora, a progressive dinner; visiting a nursing home with Christmas goodies. We also sent Christmas gifts to the sick and shut-ins and remembered those over the age of eighty.

Book reviews were given from Dr. Ethel Chapman's writings. Also, on "Rural Roots" which contains much about King Township and Kettleby, some of which was taken from our Tweedsmuir History. This was given by Mrs. Harry Burns.

A 4-H Club was formed as well as a Welcoming Committee for the community.

Centennial year was celebrated by a tea, and our project was a fence surrounding what was formerly Kettleby pond. We also had erected "Welcome" signs to the village of Kettleby. A pageant was written by one of our members, Mrs. Dora Conover, and given by 60 pupils of Kettleby Public School, representing every nation now residing in the Dominion.

Ruth Maginn, Curator,
Prepared for the
District level of the
Women's Institute.



Meeting under convenorship of Mrs. Gordon Cook, Citizenship and Education, held in York Pines Auditorium October 1967, with the children of Kettleby Public School putting on the pageant "Canada - our Home" written by Mrs. J. D. Conover at the request of the Centennial Committee of the Ontario Provincial Government.



Adelaide Hoodless and the Women's Institute 1897 - a dialogue by two members of Woodbridge W. I. at meeting held in York Pines Auditorium under convenorship of Mrs. Gordon Cook, Citizenship and Education, October 1967.



"Centennial Village" a play written by Mrs. J.D. Connver and given at the above meeting. Players - Mrs. C. George, Mrs. Murray Cook and Mrs. D. Brookes.

KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CELEBRATES DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Sixty years to the date the Kettleby Women's Institute celebrated its Diamond Anniversary Saturday afternoon, January 23, 1971. About 150 people gathered at York Pines Church auditorium in Kettleby in honor of the occasion.

On January 23, 1911, the inaugural meeting of ladies in Kettleby's Institute was held in the Temperance Hall of Kettleby which then stood in the village. This building is now one of the buildings restored at Pioneer Village. Since the first meeting the ladies have met monthly over the years and have established a substantial record of achievement in Institute work.

A prayer was offered by Rev. Don Sterling of York Pines Church to open the more formal celebrations of the afternoon. This was followed by a presentation of a corsage to Mrs. J. A. Marshall of Barrie, who is one of the two surviving charter members of the Kettleby Institute. The presentation was made by Mrs. Robert Ogden, the Vice-President. Another charter member, Mrs. William Robertson of Long Branch, the former Mary Lemon, was unable to be present.

A poignant address to the group was then given by Mrs. Elton Armstrong, now of Newmarket, who is well known in the Institute for her work and her capable handling of almost every office. Mrs. Armstrong opened her talk with a short discussion of the contemporary drug problem, and urged the Institute to be aware of it and attempt to help to solve and not ignore the problem.

She then used the letters L.S.D. to signify three needs which all people have, both as individuals and within our groups. They are love, security and discipline.

The President, Mrs. Christopher George, was then presented with a plaque to honor the occasion. It was donated by the Ontario Government. Mrs. Harry Burns made the presentation on behalf of M. P. P. William Hodgson. Mrs. Burns then read the In Memoriam for all who, while living, were members of the Kettleby Institute.

A skit, written by a member, Mrs. John Maginn, was then performed by the special program committee for the day. The scene was the first regular meeting of the Women's Institute of Kettleby, held on February 25, 1911, at the home of Mrs. Artemus Hambleton, an aunt of the author. It was amusing and a pleasant conclusion to the ceremonies.

Tea was then served to the group with the help of several members of the Kettleby 4-H Homemaker's Club.

Special guests during the day were Mrs. William Miller, Secretary-Treasurer of the Provincial Board from Highland Creek; representatives from the three surrounding districts, North York, East York and West York; representatives from both Christ Anglican Church Guild of Kettleby and the United Church Women of York Pines; and members from all the branches in Kettleby's own district, Centre York. Also present, was former member, Mrs. Howard Davis of Victoria, B. C. and Mrs. Jack Dolson of Orangeville, formerly of Kettleby.



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1971

Kettleby Women's Institute
invites you to attend the
SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY
Saturday, January 23, 1971
York Pines Church, Kettleby
at two o'clock

Mrs. G. M. Armstrong
Secretary
Kettleby, Ontario

Mrs. C. B. D. George
President

PROGRAMME FOR THE LAST MEETING OF KETTLEBY
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - DECEMBER 11, 1930

HOME: Mrs. H. Burns

POT LUCK LUNCHEON - 1:00 P.M.

GUESTS: District President - Mrs. M. Dunn
District Secretary - Mrs. R. Petch
Agriculture Repres.- Miss Helen Hunter

ROLL CALL: Name your favorite Christmas carol

CONTEST:

Money for Christmas gift to be used
for the 70th anniversary.

CAROL SINGING:

HOSTESSES: Institute members



LIFE MEMBERS -
THREE GENERATIONS

MINNIE WALTON -
FIRST LIFE MEMBER



BESSIE WALTON



FRANCES HUNT

LIFE MEMBERS - THREE GENERATIONS



LILLIAN WEST - VIOLET FARREN



EVONNE WARLOW - GRANDDAUGHTER

L I F E M E M B E R S



LAURA CARSON



KATHLEEN GREENSIDES



GRACE BURNS



RUTH MAGINN

L I F E M E M B E R S



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**KETTLEBY INSTITUTE BOWS OUT
AT 70th ANNIVERSARY MEETING**

1911



1981

Kettleby Women's Institute

invites you to attend the

Seventieth Anniversary

Saturday, January 24, 1981

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

York Pines Church, Kettleby

Mrs. N. Greenside
R.R. 1
Kettleby, Ontario
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R.S.V.P.

It was a sad and a happy occasion for the Kettleby Women's institute Saturday. The gathering in the hall at York Pines United Church celebrated the 70th anniversary of the branch of an organization for rural women which started in Stoney Creek in 1897 and has spread across much of the world. The Saturday gathering also was the final meeting of the Kettleby W. I.

"There is a sadness", Frances Hunt, Kettleby W. I. president said, "I think we were wishing that our families would carry on". The branch was down to 13 members, 10 of them life members, meaning they have been W.I. members for more than 25 years and gave outstanding service

to the organization.

The Kettleby W. I. was born January 23, 1911 when 21 women gathered in Kettleby at the Sons of Temperance Hall (the building now is in Black Creek Pioneer Village) to organize the local branch. Eighteen became members and by 1956 the branch had 60 members. "That was the peak year," said Grace Burns, past president, noting that membership began declining then. "We managed to hold on until we had the 70th anniversary," Mrs. Burns said.

The decline of the Kettleby W.I. mirrors the change in the area with the land being taken over by people from the city. Still, the Kettleby W.I. apparently went out in style. About 100 women - more than were expected - attended the afternoon gathering where the program included an address on the highlights of the branch's history. The Tweedsmuir history, kept for the past 25 years by Ruth Maginn was on display.

The gathering included former members of the Kettleby W.I. and members from sister institutes in King City, Laskay, Schomberg, Vandorf and Aurora.

The first meeting in the Temperance Hall elected Mrs. Levi Watson president, Mrs. B. Hilborn, vice-president, and Mary Elliott, secretary-treasurer. The members came to those early meetings by horse and buggy and gramophones provided the entertainment. The branch history notes that the 25th anniversary meeting was attended by seven children since baby-sitting wasn't known then.

Over the years the Kettleby W.I. has taught homemaking skills, baking, quilting, needlepoint and others to its members and others while also supporting community activities, helping 4-H clubs, providing prizes for children at fairs and working with the Red Cross in two world wars. During the second World War the W.I. adopted a branch in England and also an English family, sending them tea, clothing and other hard to obtain items.

No direct descendants of the first executive are represented in the area now. But among those present Saturday was Mrs. Violet Farren whose mother, Mrs. Lillian West, had been a member for 62 years prior to her death three years ago. Mrs. Farren, a former Kettleby resident has been a Kettleby W.I. member for 52 years. Both she and her daughter, Evonne Warlow of Aurora, are life members of Kettleby W.I.

70th ANNIVERSARY



The president Frances Walton Hunt and Violet West Farren cutting the anniversary cake with Mary Walton Corns in the back ground.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE DISBANDS -
by Alice Matravers - Toronto
Star - January 23, 1931.

The Kettleby branch of the Women's Institute will disband to-morrow after 70 years of work "For Home and Country" - the motto of the organization founded by Adelaide Hoodless on Feb. 19, 1897, in the village of Stoney Creek. Now changes in society have made the institute redundant here as other agencies take over its job of helping women.

It was the Women's Institute that first sought a distinct Canadian flag and first lobbied for elected school trustees. Helen Rumble of the King City branch of the Women's Institute said: "The institute has been ahead of its time. We are still a little bit like Adelaide Hoodless".



Kettleby Historian: Ruth Maginn keeps the archives for the disbanding Kettleby branch.

The Kettleby branch held its organization meeting on January 23, 1911, when 21 women met in the village temperance hall. Eighteen of those present joined and the February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Artemus Hambleton. Her niece, Ruth Hambleton Maginn related the details, noting that Mrs. Levi Watson was the first president and Miss Mary Elliott was secretary treasurer. Kettleby history is the specialty of Ruth Maginn a life member of the institute. For 25 years it has been her responsibility to keep the history of the Kettleby branch.

Lady Susan Tweedsmuir, wife of a former Governor General, suggested the keeping of historical records in each branch, as she feared small villages and towns in Canada were losing their identity. Helen Rumble, former provincial board member for the area said: "I can still see her (Lady Tweedsmuir) at our 1933 area convention in Toronto's Royal York hotel. She walked in with her party wearing a long wine velvet dress and wine hat - a very gracious lady".

The Women's Institute spread from Canada to Britain and then became an association of country women throughout the world, Rumble said. Now she is the one who goes to conferences as far as Australia and Nairobi. Recent projects include work to prevent infant blindness caused by poor nutrition. Rumble has just returned from Germany and will visit Vancouver in 1933. There are 3,000 branches in the world, she said, and it all started with Adelaide Hoodless.

Maginn has been hard at work bringing the Kettleby history up to date for display to-morrow at the final meeting at the 70th anniversary celebration at York Pines United Church. The book at least two inches thick will later be microfilmed by the Dept. of Agriculture.

Maginn recalled afternoon meetings in years gone by when rural women came with their children and babies. Rural youngsters grew up attending institute meetings, she said, and it's not uncommon to find three generations of a family all life members of a branch. Frances Walton Hunt, current president of the Kettleby branch, is the granddaughter of one of the founding members, Mrs. Fred Walton.

But society changes, life styles evolve and, as former president Barbara Morrow noted "This branch, which used to serve a really viable purpose, is not needed." No one wants to take office, she explained. "Needs are being met by other agencies to-day".

There are only 13 members of Kettleby institute now but to-morrow's party - by invitation only - will include all former members and recall a time when home, church and the institute rounded out rural life for women. Whenever need existed in the community the institute was there. It was the rural woman's answer to loneliness and isolation and the platform from which she battled injustice and ignorance.

70th ANNIVERSARY



A LAST LOOK

Kettleby Women's Institute member Grace Burns took one last look at the institute Tweedsmuir history during the groups last meeting at York Pines United Church.

Scores of former members attended the meeting to mark the end of the Institute which was formed in 1911. Lack of new members forced the institute to disban the organization.

FIVE GENERATIONS



Lillian West
Her daughter Violet Farren
Her daughter Evonne Warlow
Her son Blake Warlow
His son Scott Warlow

KETTLEBY CEMETERY

Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the batter day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last

Earth to earth, and dust to dust,
Calmly now the words we say;
Left behind, we wait in trust
For the Resurrection day.

Kettleby Cemetery Company was organized on October 4th, 1809. The first officers were:

President	-	Jacob Walton
Secretary	-	Joseph Rogers
Treasurer	-	William H. Proctor
Directors	-	William Fox Simeon Lemon Clarkson Hambleton William D. White William Watson

The site was decided upon and five acres considered sufficient. However, later on a larger acreage was decided on and the purchase of seven acres was made from James Hunter, executor of the Toole Estate for the amount of \$528.00. The first fence surrounding the cemetery was of wooden pickets, the posts for which were purchased from W. C. Bogart at a cost of .11¢ each, and the lumber for the pickets from the mills of Henry Marsh at a cost of \$117.75.

An endowment fund was started in 1898 when Elizabeth F. Fox of New York City, widow of Vincent Fox, made a gift of \$100.00 for the maintenance of the plot of her husband. Since that time the Cemetery Company has had an endowment fund for all plots sold.

TELEPHONE COMPANY - 1909

King Township Telephone Co. held its annual meeting at Kettleby. The service and financial results were satisfactory. This line runs from Aurora to Kettleby and that vicinity carries at present 26 phones. Long distance connection with Bell lines on the Aurora switchboard gives the patrons communication to all parts of the province. They also enjoy an all night service and can get medical and other urgent calls through at any hour. The annual rent of phones is only \$10.00.

The officers of the company are:-

President	-	J. M. Walton
Vice President	-	W. G. Curtis
Sec. treasurer	-	F. C. Walton
Directors	-	A. Hambleton L. T. Watson

(Photo taken on the first run to Schomberg)



Schomberg Railway - Built 1902.
Dismantled - 1928.

Jollytown Base Ball Club - 1887





KETTLEBY BOYS PLAYING HOCKEY BACK OF THE STORE: - Ira Clubine, William Proctor, Harvey Burling, Howard Proctor, Charles Davis, Fred Stephenson, George Stephenson, James Murray, Edward West, Marten Robinson, Thos. Burling, Rankin Hughley, James Ree, Wm. Ramsden, Fred Chappell, Pres. Dutcher, Townley Watson, Frank Paxton, Gerschom Proctor, Harold Murray, Lorne Stephenson and Lorne Bogart.

Red Cross Society
Taken in Amphitheater Park
Kettleby, In 1915.



KETTLEBY RED CROSS GIRLS AND ESCORT

raising Funds for Relief of Wounded Soldiers at

PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

held under the auspices of King Township Reform Association
at Kettleby on July 10th, 1915





A GROUP OF NORTH YORK VETERANS

attending the Patriotic Demonstration held under the auspices of the King
Township Reform Association at Kettleby, July 10th, 1915.

Top Row—George Teasdale, Charles Dennis, Thomas Davis, Dr. N. Pearson,

Aaron Haines, James Wolven, Edward West

Lower Row—Elias Armitage, John Woodrow, Thomas Lloyd, Samuel Morby, John Wilkie, Mr. Clubine,

Malcolm McCallum

DAN STEVENS AND HARRY NELSON

Many years ago somewhere in the late eighteenth hundreds two English lads from the Barnado Home for Boys came to Canada. One, Dan Stevens found a home with Mrs. Webb in the Springdale district (the farm now owned by Brock Rae). Harry Nelson, the other boy, found a home with George Ramsay on the fourth concession (the farm now owned by Mrs. Kerr).

Being boys well disciplined, they attended Kettleby Sunday School, and in due time became affiliated with the Sons of Temperance. Dan Stevens being musically inclined soon joined the Kettleby Brass Band, a flourishing organization of 28 members.

Time sped on and with it the outbreak of war in South Africa in 1900. With true British blood flowing in their veins when Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner to Canada, offered to raise and send a contingent overseas, these two boys offered their services. Harry Nelson was accepted but Dan Stevens rejected as he was small in stature. However, he waited patiently while the battalion was trained and ready to sail - very quietly he left Kettleby, made his way to the port of embarkation, which was Halifax. He got aboard the troop ship "Pretorian" before the soldiers were ready, found a satisfactory hide-out and remained there until the ship was out to sea before making an appearance. There was no alternative in those days but to take him along. To his great joy and greatest wish he was given a uniform and accepted in the battalion.

It was soon discovered he was a bandsman, so was made a bugler. A very proud and highly honored Dan Stevens sounded the bugle call when his regiment took part in the battle and relief of Paardeburg.

Hostilities ceased in due time and both boys returned to Kettleby and were royally welcomed by the people of the district. Harry Nelson had contracted fever overseas and passed on within a few years.

As we summarize: the contributions this community has given to our welfare and defence must not be lightly valued. We have John Black, Sr. fighting for Responsible Government in 1837, giving us the privileges and freedom we enjoy today; the record of the above two boys, and the splendid response to the call of duty in the Great War of 1918 and the war of 1939, which is so well known to all. The history of this locality and its record of loyalty is one of which we can all be justly proud.

CAMP RICHILDACA

Over 1,000 children from Toronto to Lake Simcoe have enjoyed the fun packed days at Camp Richildaca since its beginnings in 1957. Boys and girls come back year after year to learn, play and swim. This exciting day camp set in the hills and valleys of Kettleby grew out of the Richmond Hill Day Camp program, hence its Indian sounding name.

William Babcock, director of physical education at Richmond Hill High School, and his wife, the former Jean Archibald of Kettleby, began the camp in 1957 and have gradually, year after year, build up the facilities and activities.

Now, boys and girls from 4 to 14 enjoy swimming, canoeing, crafts, riding, camping out (for those eight and over) and nature study. The steep hills and quiet valleys of the camp site are wonderful for youngsters to work off excess energy and learn of the world about them at the same time. Mr. Babcock stresses that the purpose of the camp is to train children for living in the world about them.

His assistant is Brian Atkinson of Richmond Hill who has come up through the ranks of the camp. Brian is now taking physical education at the University of Toronto and no doubt his enthusiastic work at Richildaca has helped him top his classes at university.

Day begins at 9 A.M. for the campers. They have been picked up by busses from points near their homes with their picnic lunches and bthing suits at the ready. The 28 consellers and 3 specialists in swimming, canoeing, riding and crafts, are ready to take over as the busses unload in the parking lot. Groups of varying ages and interests go off with their consellers. Generally a group is supervised by a conseller for the whole day's program, with specialists taking over for the interesting activities.

Milk is available at lunchtime for those who wish it and after an active afternoon, the busses leave again at 3:30.

The highlight of the two-week camp period for all the older campers is the "Overnight". The groups stay for three days and two nights and have six meals which they cook on a camp fire. Boys stay Monday and Tuesday while the girls take Wednesday and Thursday.

The youngsters who don't stay overnight don't miss the camping out experience entirely since there is a noon cook-out which proves great fun.

A special Counsellor-in-Training course is also part of the Richaldaca program. For four weeks in July 15 and 16 year old boys and girls attend the camp, receive instruction and prepare themselves for the responsibilities of working with the younger children.

The second Thursday of each camp period is parent's night and the preparations are fantastic. Indian dances, skits and many other projects are presented to the visitors and the sing-songs around the campfire in the natural amphitheatre echo through the evening.

Kettleby School - S. S. # 11 -



GLENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL - S. S. NO. 9



Glenville School on the foregoing page was the original school in that district and was built in 1839 on the south west corner of the Rogers farm at the intersection of Newmarket townline and the second concession. Later the school was moved to a new location near the mill to a site near the third concession. This school was sold in 1885 for \$32.00 and the land for \$5.00. incidentally the school was moved by oxen.

In 1885 a new school as shown in the picture above was built on the crest of a nearby hill and continued to serve the section until 1953 when the pupils were transferred to the consolidated Kettleby school. The Glenville school was sold and converted to a private residence.

HISTORY OF THE FORMING OF KING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC
SCHOOL AREA NO. 1 - KETTLEBY SCHOOL

In the post war years following World War II the schools of King Township were over crowded and in need of renovations. In 1948-49 there were rumors of a new closed access highway (now known as Highway 400) running through the township. While different routes were proposed the final decision was northerly half way between concession five and six. This was to result in the removal of the buildings and disruption of the public school, sections No. 6 and 12, known locally as the Jamieson and Blackburn schools.

The public school boards involved were asked by the Department of Education to consider building a new area school to replace these schools. The Department recommended that in order to receive the maximum grants the boards should approach Kettleby and Glenville Public School boards and invite them to join in the venture. It was proposed that the four sections be incorporated into a five roomed area school.

To facilitate negotiations with the Department of Highways and Department of Education a joint board was elected from the existing four boards.

For compensation to sections No. 6 and 12 as their sections had been divided in half by the closed access highway the Department of Highways offered to pay 50% of the cost of a new school building. The Department of Education would pay 40% of the cost of the building which was standard grant for schools of this type. This left the ratepayers with only 10% of the cost plus the purchase of land for the school site and the digging of a well. This generous offer was accepted by most of the ratepayers and the board launched into making the many important and difficult decisions pertinent to the building of the new school.

After much input from ratepayers as to a suitable site fourteen acres of dry level land was purchased on the north-east corner of the Aurora Road and the proposed highway in 1951 from Mr. Raymond Marshall for the sum of \$2,800.

HISTORY OF THE FORMING OF KING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC
SCHOOL AREA NO. 1 - KETTLEBY SCHOOL

The parents understood that busing would be necessary in an area of this size so total busing was introduced when the new school opened in October 1953.

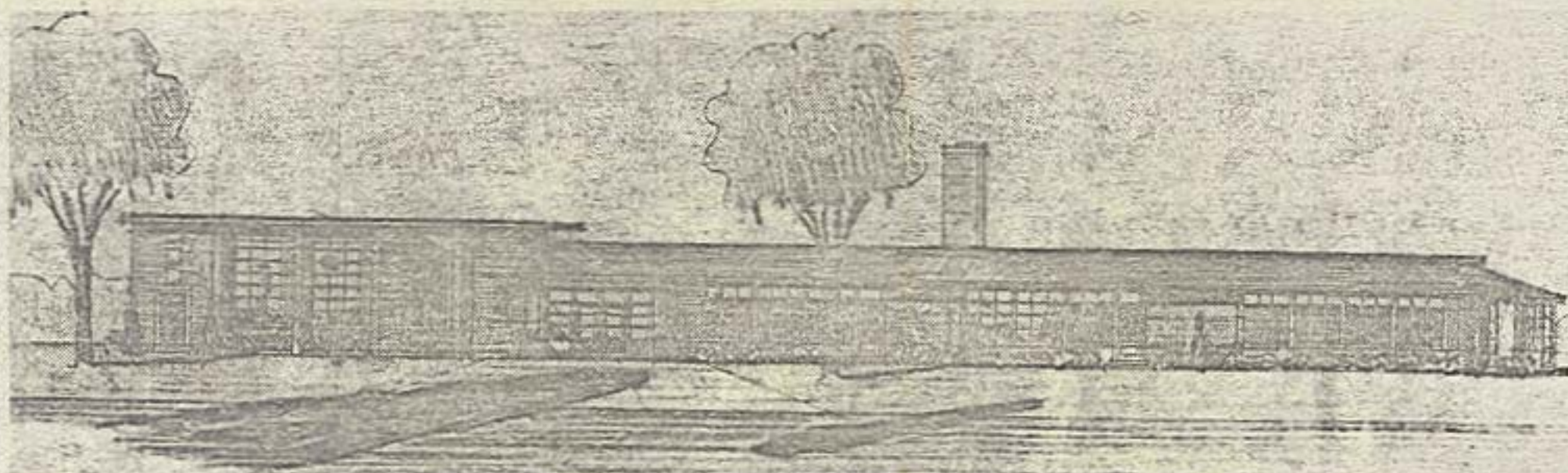
The official opening of Kettleby School Township of King Area No. 1 took place in the new school on January 15th, 1954.

The teaching staff at this time was as follows: Robert Carson, Principal, Marshall Geer, Edward Wells and Helen Shelton. Board of Trustees were: Carl Black, Chairman, Albert Farren, Vice Chairman, Earl Cook, Frank Beatty, John Fawcett and Harry Burns, secretary-Treasurer.

Former board members who also were actively involved in bringing together the four school sections culminating in the building of the area school include Dolina Paterson, John Maginn and Carman Tilson.

Thus ended an era in the life and history of the Kettleby community - "the little red school house" had passed out of existence to be replaced by a new larger more efficient unit. There was a feeling of nostalgia and sadness among the older residents, some of whom had resisted the change, but the new system was readily accepted and welcomed by the younger families of the community.

Prepared by -
Frank Beatty



KETTLEBY SCHOOL, TOWNSHIP OF KING PUBLIC SCHOOL AREA NO. 1

PROGRAM

Chorus of pupils of Kettleby School — — — "O Canada"

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Carl Black, Chairman, Township of King Public School Area No. 1.

PRAYER

The Reverend W. R. Symons

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF KING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

By Reeve Elton Armstrong

SCRIPTURE READING

The Reverend W. E. Smalley

DEDICATION

The Reverend Robert Graham

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND HISTORY OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Deputy Reeve William Hodgson

INTRODUCTIONS

of the architects of the new school, Messrs Brown and Elton; the contractor, Mr. C. A. Smith; the present Area School Board; the teaching staff

by Chairman Carl Black

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

by Major A. Mackenzie, M.C., M.P.P., member of the Ontario Legislature for North York

ADDRESS

by Mr. J. D. Millar, Deputy Minister, Ontario Department of Highways

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

by Mr. Maynard Hallman, Inspector of Public Schools

ADDRESS

by Mr. C. B. Routley, Superintendent of Elementary Education for the Province of Ontario

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES, VISITORS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT THE SCHOOL PREMISES

KETTLEBY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

After school area No. 1 was formed a Home and School Association came into being with the first executive having William Kettlewell as President, Mrs. J. Kud-elka - 1st vice, Trevor Proctor - 2nd vice, Recording secretary - Mrs. H. Burns, Corresponding secretary - Mrs. J. Maginn, Treasurer - Mr. L. Heacock. Executive committee members were - Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. R. Walton, Mrs. W. Hodgson, Mrs. R. Marchant, Mrs. N. Blatchford, Mrs. F. Beatty, Mr. Donald Cheyne, Mrs. A. Farren.

Interesting meetings were held each month with a social half hour. Speakers included Dorothy Bowman of Newmarket, on speech therapy for handicapped children, John Perry of Maple on Citizenship, Marshall Geer a former teacher of the school leading a discussion on "Do you feel guilty because you do or do not help your child with his homework". Films were another source of education for the parents. Bulletins were gotten out regularly by Margaret Wadeson, Bulletin Editor, informing the parents of buzz sessions, health nights, family nights, open house, etc.

Mr. Frank Fogg, a later vice-president, experienced in play ground equipment, organized building projects for the school grounds.

Family nights, fun fairs, rummage sales, and picnics were among the "fun" events of this association.

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE



TEMPERANCE HALL
KETTLEBY

The Sons of Temperance was first started in Kettleby in the year 1849 with Robert Boyd, Ira Webb, Thomas Boyd, John Tyson, Ellis Lloyd, Murdock Lloyd, Albert Hodgins and Jacob Walton charter members. This fraternal order was organized in David Watson's home at the corner of the 4th concession. This order surrendered its charter due to some trouble. On February 4th, 1855, a new charter was applied for by Peter Bogart, George Bogart, Martin Lockhart, A. Gordon, George West, Nelson Srigley, Robert Srigley and Joseph Stokes. This division was organized on the 22nd of February, 1855, and retained its charter as No. 252 in the Grand Division of Ontario.

When the Division had 30 members the venture of building a hall was carried out. The members turned out in bees and felled the standing timber during the winter. Logs were hauled to the local sawmill and sawn, and the building erected. William Stokes gave a 50 year lease on the hall site for the consideration of one barley corn a year.

Tea parties were sponsored by the Division and held in the Butler grove near the village. They grew in popularity and attendance until they were the biggest event in the county. Bands were brought from the railway in gaily decorated wagons drawn by three teams. These were the finest military bands from Toronto and nearby towns.

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE - CONT'D

Ladies were admitted to this order in 1856, first as visitors, and later into membership. Pledge violation gave some trouble in the early days, but it is to be remembered there were 17 licensed places for the sale of liquor in the township and two hotels in Kettleby.

In 1860 an addition of 20 feet was built to the south for lodge room purposes. Weekly meetings were maintained on Saturday nights for three generations. Some years later another addition was made to bring the hall to its present size. In this hall practically all the public meetings of the community - social, religious and political.

In 1875 a junior order known as Cadets of Temperance was organized by Joseph Webb. The charter members of this branch were Silas Stephens, John Webb, William Stokes, Charles McArthur, William and Walter Rodgers, George and Alfred Butler, I. Hollingshead, Alfred Webb, Elias Hilborn, Levi Watson, Henry Shropshire, Clara and Jennie Walton and Carrie Stokes. This division at one time had a membership of 225 and for several years was the banner division of the province.

Hymn of Old Division No. 232:

While the light beams bright
in the old hall to-night
And the voices of loved ones are gay
Let us think of the brave
Who the good cause to save
Have gone to the lands far away

Chorus:

'Tis our boys on the land
And our boys on the sea
Who in heart to their colors are true
'Tis they who will stand
Or they will die a hero band
in defence of the red, white and blue

Let us sing them a song
As the days pass along
For well their devotion they prove
Let them know though they roam
There are warm hearts at home
Let us sing of their valor and love

Chorus

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Hymn of Old Division No. 232 - Cont'd

Though you sail far away
There temperance foes lay
You know they ever will try
Here at home we are true
And we pray, boys, that you
May return in the sweet bye
and bye.

Chorus

Then here's to our boys
We will add to their joys
Their temperance tried and true
And when God gives us night
When we fight for the right
We will cheer for the Red,
White and Blue.

Chorus

KETTLEBY - At the regular meeting of the Sons of Temperance Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Proctor, prior to their departure for Newmarket, were the recipients of a handsome silver tea service presented them on behalf of the order by Mr. Artemus Hambleton. The address was read by J.M. Walton, who said: "Friend after friend departs. These walls have witnessed many happy scenes, where warm friendship and enjoyment made pleasant the practice of the virtues our Order inculcates. May they never be effaced from your memories. With all the sunshine there have been seasons when the shadows of adversity and opposition darkened the outlook, but through this your constancy and fidelity kept you true to the institution."



Sons of Temperance



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Sons of Temperance

THE HILBORN SETTLEMENT TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY:

On May 1st, 1842, one of the first societies in this part of Upper Canada was formed at Kettleby, carrying the above title. The first officers were:

President - William Hilborn
Vice-Pres. - Job Armitage
Secretary - Peter Lockhart
Committee (Male) Martin Bogart, Wm. Walton,
Isaac Armitage, Wm. Blankenship
(Female) Eliza Armitage, Lavina Hilyer,
Ann Lemon

Rally Night

1842



1906

*You are invited to attend a meeting of
Kettleby Division No. 232,
Sons of Temperance,*

*Saturday Ev'g Sept, twenty-ninth
nineteen hundred and six.*

*Special exercises commemorating the sixty-
fourth anniversary of the order.*

Program and Refreshments 8 p.m. sharp.

W. T. D. Ramsden, W.P.
John Foxcroft, R.S.

The pledge was: We, the under-
signed, do agree that we will
not use intoxicating liquor as
a beverage, nor traffic in them;
that we will not provide them
as an article of entertainment,
nor for persons in our employ,
and that in all suitable ways we
will discountenance their use
throughout the community.

The founders of this movement were:

William Hilborn, Sarah Hilborn,
Jacob Lemon, Catharine Lemon,
Martin Bogart, Elizabeth Bogart,
Peter Lockhart, Carthusia Lockhart,
Jesse Walton, Eliza Walton,
Zephaniah Wisner, William Stokes,
William Armstrong, Thomas Lemon,
Ann Lemon, Mary Lemon, Sara Lemon,
John Walton and Hannah Walton.

In the first 7 years 259 members
were pledged and signed on the
roll. Among the families repre-
sented were:-

8 - Hilborns
9 - Waltons
8 - Lloyds
6 - Lockharts
10 - Lemons
8 - Bogarts
6 - Hambletons
4 - Proctors
6 - Tattons
8 - Dales

SIXTIETH OR DIAMOND JUBILEE - FEBRUARY 20, 1915

Kettleby Division was instituted on the 22nd of February, 1855, and the sixtieth anniversary was celebrated on February 20th, 1915, with the hall beautifully decorated with flowers, bunting and flags for the reception of past and present members. A social reunion was held from 3 to 6 p. m. A group photograph of the assembly was taken by Mr. Fergus of Newmarket. At 5:00 p.m. a banquet was served. The menu has never been surpassed and reflected great credit on the ladies. Bro. J. M. Walton acted as toastmaster. The toast to the King was received with more than usual honors. The toast to the National Division was responded to by Bro. J. O. McCarthy of Toronto, P.M.W.P. of the National Division of North America. The "Pioneers" was responded to by Brothers W. G. Proctor, Artemus Hambleton and W. T. Elliott. It is worthy of note that in the course of sixty years there have been but three brothers held the office of D.G.W.P. for the Division. These have been the late Joseph Stokes, Bro. Joseph Rogers now of Tofield, Alberta, and the present incumbent Bro. W. T. Elliott. The fidelity of these men in office has been exemplary. Bro. Elliott in the course of thirty-five years has not been absent a single quarter.

The toast of former members brought forth excellent speeches from Messrs. Luke Gibbons and H. S. Watson. The Girls of Yesterday brought interest reminiscent addresses by Mrs. W. G. Proctor of Newmarket and Mrs. Sterr of Pine Orchard. The gallants coupled with the toast of to-day and to-morrow were Brothers W. T. Ramsden, Walter Hambleton and Elmer Terry.

Letters of regret that they could not be present on this occasion were received from Geo. R. Anderson, Rugby, G.W.P., Theo. N. Willmot, G.S., Orillia, W. A. Tice, G.P., Toronto, F. C. Ward, Pres. Benefit Dept., Toronto, Robert Tilson, Calgary, Mrs. Webb, Toronto, Kansas, and others. There is but one charter member alive Bro. Martin Lockhart of Toronto, Kansas.

In the evening the hall was filled to hear the excellent program that was provided. The Aurora Orchestra played a program of music that charmed the audience. Miss Mamie Love, A.T.C.M., Miss Bertha Carey, Contralto, Miss Hattie Love, Pianist, Miss Leila Starr, Elocutionist, Miss Clunis, Reader, all rendered their parts to the pleasure of the audience. Mr. Dales of McMaster University made a short address, and Bro. J. O. McCarthy of Toronto, who has many friends in the district, delivered a stirring oration on this historic occasion, which added even greater lustre to his fame.

Bro. Walton presented the Division with a fine portrait of the late Bro. W. C. Bogart and family to be hung upon the walls of Division room.

NAMES RECORDED AT THE 68th ANNIVERSARY OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE
OCTOBER 13th, 1923

Jas. H. Gallick	Toronto
E. M. Davis	"
W. Mills	"
Wm. A. Tice	"
Elmer Terry	Kettleby
Wm. T. Ramsden	"
J. W. Elliott	"
Agnes Seymour	"
Jessie Davis	"
Mrs. M. A. Ramsden	"
Morley Proctor	"
Carl Proctor	"
Rachel Borden	"
Effie O. Charles	Aurora
Mary M. Walton	"
A. Megill	"
Rachel Hambleton Towns	"
Elizabeth Hambleton Aull	Toronto
Mrs. Ada Heacock Starr	Newmarket
Almeda Hambleton Norris	Aurora
Emma C. Heacock	"
Leonora Starr	Newmarket
Mary E. Bogart	"
Mrs. W. S. Bogart	"
Mrs. Robinson	Kettleby
R. A. Heacock	Aurora
Florence Hunter	Kettleby
Gladys E. Bogart	Newmarket
Walter Bogart	"
Jessie H. Elliott	Kettleby
Mary E. Elliott	"
Lena Proctor	"
J. M. Walton	Aurora
Mrs. M. R. Walton	"
Mrs. W. G. Proctor	Newmarket
W. G. Proctor	"
Mrs. Rankin Stewart	Orillia
Mrs. F. Skinner	Schomberg
Mrs. W. A. Tice	Toronto
Ruth Hambleton	Toronto
Lorne C. Bogart	Newmarket
Bertha Fox	Toronto

KETTLEBY CRUSADERS



Photo Taken - November 1899.

In 1875 a junior order of the Sons of Temperance known as the Cadets of Temperance or "The Crusaders" was instituted by the late Joseph Webb, whose name is remembered with great respect.

The chartered list of the junior branch were Silas Stephens, John Webb, William Stokes, Charles McArthur, William Rogers, Joseph Rogers, George Butler, Alfred Butler, Isaac Hollingshead, Alfred Webb, Elias Hilborn, Levi Watson, Henry Shopshire, Clara Walton, Jennie Walton, Elizabeth (Lib) Walton, Carrie Stokes, officers for the Cadets were Elizabeth Walton, Mrs. Rankin Hughey, Mrs. Wakefield Proctor.

The mother order known as the Sons of Temperance Society was Kettleby Division, No. 232, the banner division of the Province of Ontario. At one time among the families represented were 8 Hilborns, 9 Waltons, 8 Lloyds, 6 Lockards, 10 Lemons, 8 Bogarts, 6 Hambletons, 4 Proctors, 6 Tattons and 8 Dales.

Mary Walton Corns

KETTLEBY MILL

Built 1840 - Burned 1950



Since 1896 trouble has seemed to dog the footsteps of each new owner. At that time the mill was taken over by E. W. Love. A year later the mill dam was destroyed by a flood. Since then each new owner has lost heavily within a year of taking the mill over. The mill was purchased in April 1949 by its present owner H. Roy Denne of Newmarket.

During the previous 20 years the mill was operated by J. Frank Curtis of Kettleby. In 1934 he switched the mill to electricity when he lost the dam for a second time, through a cloudburst on September 13, 1934, an account of which is given below:

Bursting the Kettleby dam, tearing up roads, washing out bridges, inundating cellars and ripping down fences, heavy floods caused damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars in King Township and adjoining municipalities. During the downpour and for some time after the many sideroads were racing rivers of muddy water, completely paralyzing traffic and washing down huge quantities of mud, gravel and other debris on to the roadways.

The storm struck most severely in the immediate vicinity of Kettleby, between the fourth and fifth concessions of King Township. The torrents of rain quickly turned the countryside into a series of miniature lakes and streams, the water flowing from the hills surrounding Kettleby into the valley. The water in the mill pond, fed by Kettleby Creek and scores of impromptu rivulets, arose rapidly until at six o'clock that night the pond had risen 10 feet and overflowed at each end of the long dam.

A gap nearly 20 feet wide was torn through at the east end of the dam, which had been heightened and strengthened during the past summer, and was rebuilt five years ago after the spring floods had burst through.

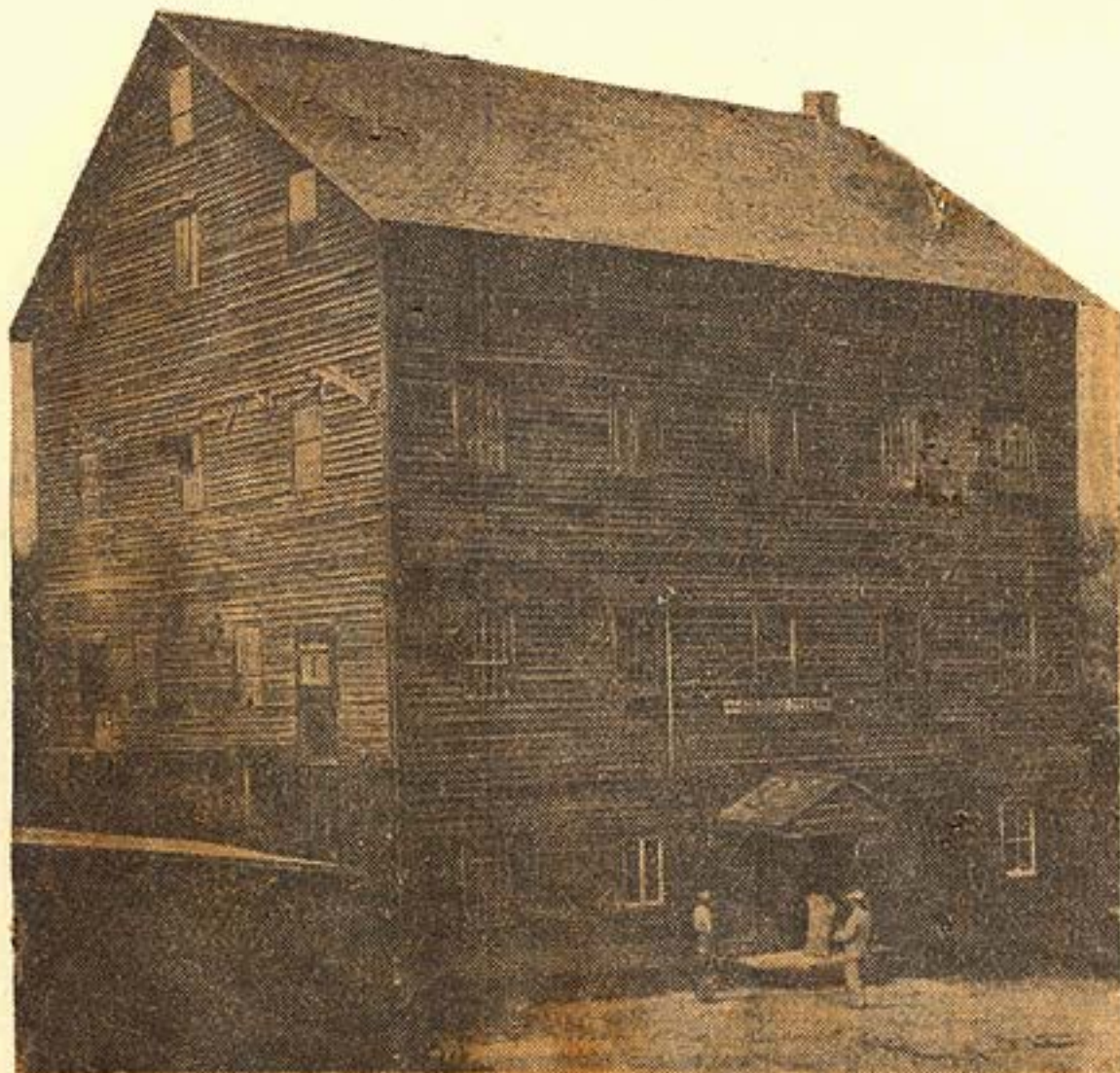
The racing water flooded down the road, tearing the gravel surface off to a depth of a foot, dug out the ditch several feet, swamped the cellar of the postoffice, home of Edward Williams, swept away his garden and found the creek again, tearing out the banks a distance of 20 feet in places.

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As the water rose visibly in the mill pond, owned by Frank Curtis, the ten sluices were opened by scores of villagers and farmers from the countryside, who worked in a frantic effort to free the rushing waters and prevent serious damage. The sluice gates held, but the water rushed over the top of the dam three feet deep, and tore around either end through the gap it had created.

To-day the mill pond is a wide muddy hole strewn with debris, logs and fence rails.

Two bridges were washed out on the fourth concession at the township gravel pit leaving two wide gashes in the roadbed. On the townline, between the fourth and fifth concessions, after the torrent had inundated the Kettleby district, it ripped the foundation from under a concrete bridge, causing it to sink nearly two feet. Fence posts were left dangling in the air.



One-hundred-and-two-year-old mill at Kettleby, once a thriving stage-coach stop, still operates daily. The mill wheel is gone, however; a wire from Niagara serves its power needs. Its hand-hewn timbers are

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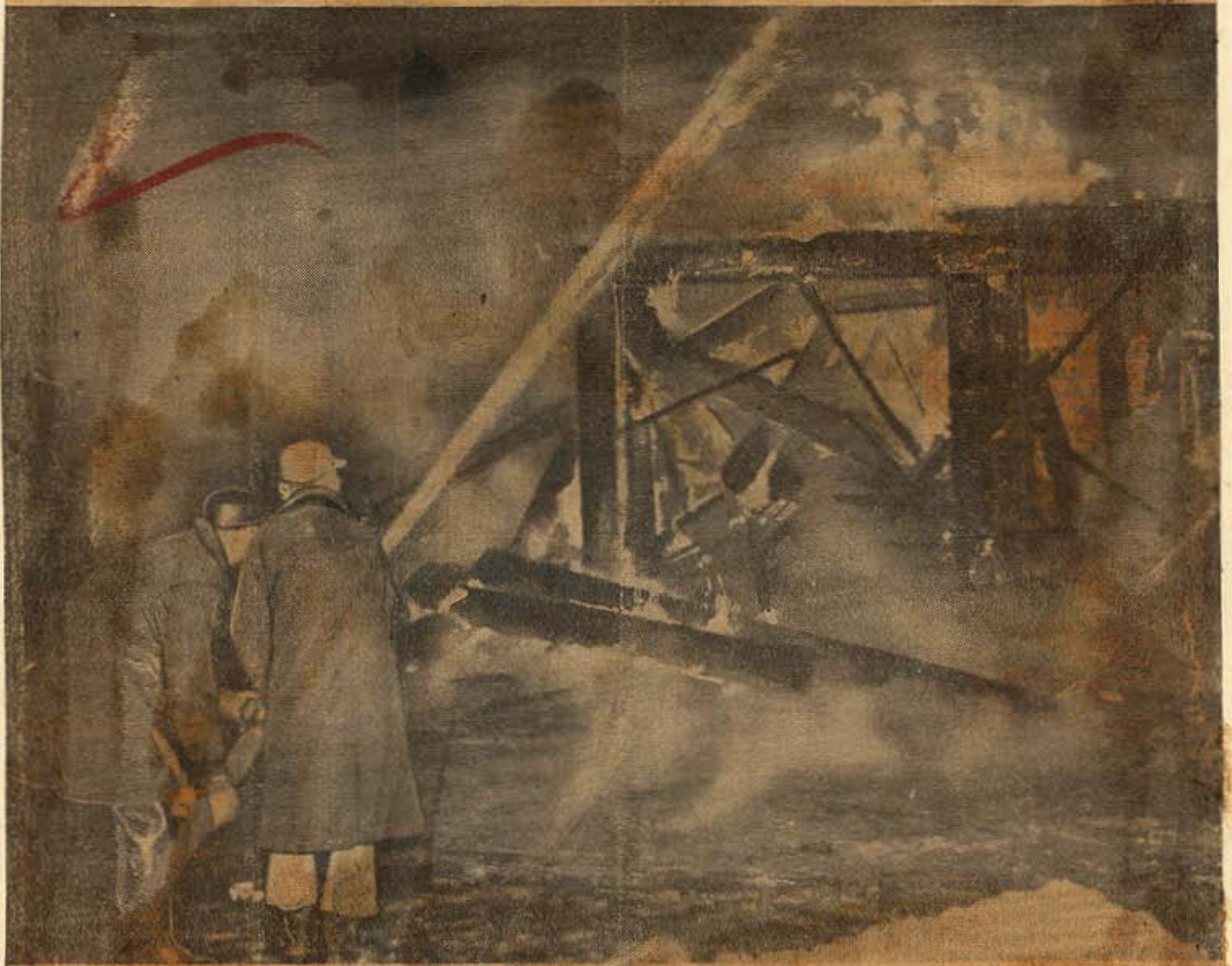


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HISTORIC KETTLEBY MILL REDUCED TO CHARRED RUINS



—Star Photo by Ted Leonard

HISTORIC LANDMARK, the Kettleby water mill was destroyed by fire early today, causing \$20,000 damage. Built of hand-hewn red pine in 1840, the mill was the principal industry of the 100-person community near Aurora. One thousand bushels of wheat were lost in the building which blazed for two hours. Firemen are shown trying to save place

A seeming jinx which has manifested itself five times to succeeding owners last night struck in the form of a fire completely destroying the 110 year old Kettleby mill. Although spotted almost as soon as it started, the blaze swept through the four storey frame building before Aurora firemen could pour water on it. Within 20 minutes the building collapsed.

The mill was a landmark and subject of many artists. A product of pioneering community spirit, it stood as a symbol of the thriving past to the present residents of the village. Erected in 1840, it was built of heavy hand-hewn pine.

MILL RAZED AS HUNDREDS OF RATS FLEE

Kettleby, March 22nd, 1950:

One of the oldest landmarks in King Township, the 110 year old grist mill here, was burned to the ground early to-day. Hundreds of rats came streaming out ahead of the blaze and ran frightened among the feet of the onlookers.

Firemen could do nothing to save the building, which was razed in two hours. They were able to confine the flames to the mill and nearby homes were only scorched. Built of hand-hewn red pine, the mill was five storeys high and stood on the banks of Kettleby creek. Only recently it was converted to electric power. Generations of nearby farmers had brought their wheat to be milled there.

The alarm was turned in by William Max, who called Aurora firemen. The owner, H. Roy Denne, did not know the mill was on fire until wakened at his home in Newmarket when firemen returned. He said he left the mill at 5 p. m. He said no fire had been lit in the stove yesterday. Cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Mr. Denne estimated the loss at \$20,000. There were 1,000 bushels of wheat stored in the mill, and flames shooting from the dry structure could be seen 30 miles away.

The only industry in Kettleby, the old mill was all that was left of the once prosperous lumber industry which thrived in Kettleby when it was known as Smoky Hollow. The creek that fed the old mill is now almost dry and the hamlet has shrunk to about 100 citizens.

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A TRAGIC HAPPENING AT KETTLEBY MILL

WRITTEN TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN MILTON VANHORN
- born June 9th, 1830 - died April 26th, 1854

JOHN MILTON VANHORN was born in Penn, Wyoming County, June 9th, 1830, and died by a dreadful accident on April 26th, 1854. His end was a most affecting proof that we stand in jeopardy every hour. He was young, healthy, remarkably amiable, tenderly beloved by a large circle of friends, and but lately married to the much beloved object of his youthful affection. Everything about him indicated a long and happy life. But, alas, while the flower was wet with the dew of youth - exhibiting its loveliest tints, and exhaling its sweetest fragrance; whilst admired and prized by all that gazed upon it, it was crushed! The wind passed over it and it is gone - gone, thank God to bloom in a fairer clime, and to bloom there forever.

His death was occasioned by being caught upon the shaft of a small machine in a mill in which he was engaged, in the village of Kettleby, King Township. The shaft was an upright one, revolving nearly 300 times a minute. Near it stands a hopper into which it appears our brother had been emptying a bag of wheat. He threw the empty bag across his arm, and having to pass near the shaft, which, unfortunately, was exposed it is thought the strings of the bag were drawn by the current of air created by the rapid motion of the shaft, and thus the bag and the arm were in an instant wound around the shaft, and Mr. VanHorn was whirled around in a most frightful manner. His legs came in contact with the hopper, and one foot was literally wrenched from the leg, and hurled to the far end of the mill. Both of his legs and thighs were broken in several places; and coming in contact was an iron pin in the adjoining wall, the ribs of the left side were torn from the spine. It is thought he was upon the shaft two minutes and must have gone around with lightning speed more than 1000 times, and yet strange to say, he retained his senses, survived the shock an hour and half, and was rational to the last. The last words he said were, "Glory be to God" several times.

He was brought to God with a number of other young persons of whom I am thankful to be able to say that they remain ornaments of Christian society.

Author Unknown



The pleasant hills of Kettleby
Aglow in sunset light
And verdant velleus, harvest clad
Speak forth in glad delight
The praise of Him whose wise design
And mighty works are seen
And who in life has spread abroad
The rippling rills between

Such were the thoughts that filled our minds
When we had gladly found
The goal we sought which seemed indeed
To us like holy ground
For though as strangers many met
Like as a holy pall
The love and peace of God there spread
A mantle over all

E. Robson

VILLAGE OF KETTLEBY

A patent was granted for the whole of Lot 28 on the 4th concession of King Township, County of York, by the Crown on May 20th, 1801, to Dorothy Burger. She was the daughter of Lewis Mabe, a resident of the Township of Bertie, in the County of Lincoln, District of Niagara, Province of Upper Canada, and a United Empire Loyalist.

Two years later John Bogart, an enterprising and capable pioneer, rode horseback to Upper Canada from Muncy, Pa., looking for mill sites and homesteads. On June 12th, 1803, he obtained this 200 acres for the sum of \$90.00. Through this property ran a wide ravine and down the centre coursed a beautiful stream which would afford the power for the mills to be later established.

John Bogart held this property from 1803 to 1825 when he sold 100 acres to Jacob Tool, who built the first sawmill. Later, on June 27th, 1854, Jacob Tool sold the east half of this property to Hannah Bogart.

Two miles to the west of this property was the famous Humber and Holland River portage over which passed many of the explorers, traders and missionaries of the earlier days of Canada, such as Bruel, LaSalle, Duluth, Frobisher, Father Brehuef and other Jesuit missionaries.

The real development of the village began on September 13th, 1842, when 46 acres of the valley was sold by Mr. Tool to Septimus Tyrwhitt for the sum of \$1,600. This was for a flour mill site. In the village, surrounded by high hills covered with trees of pine and hardwood, were two mill ponds. When the first trees were chopped down in the ravine where the dams were to be built, the timber was burned in large winrows on the flats which soon were to be covered by the waters from the mill ponds.

The work of building the dams and erecting the mill required many men and scores of teams of oxen. When the day came for raising the mill, men from far and near came to help in this big undertaking. Huge iron kettles were brought to the site in which to prepare food for the hungry workmen. It has been said this is how the village got its name - "Kettle Bee". Another legend is that it was named "Kettleby Mills" by Mrs. Chas. Eaton, wife of Septimus Tyrwhitt's partner, after a village in England - the "Mills" part being dropped in later years.

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As well as building a flour mill, Septimus Tyrwhitt and his partner, Charles S. Eaton, built a woollen mill - an oatmeal mill - a cooperage and a distillery. When the mills were at the height of their working capacity, twenty coopers were employed making barrels for the exporting of flour. Tons of bran were allowed to flow down the mill stream as there was no sale for it. Mill offal and other grains were used in the distilling of liquor and hundreds of pigs were kept to consume the waste.

Many settlers were coming in and the surrounding land was gradually being cleared and farms established. Mills, shops, stores, hotels and houses sprang up rapidly and the village became the centre of a growing and prosperous community. It could boast a long list of tradesmen - hotel keepers, blacksmiths, shoemakers, tailors, coopers, potash boilers, painters, piano salesmen, harness makers, carriage makers, whiskey distillers, masons, carpenters, well diggers, school teachers, medical practitioners, dressmakers, weavers, etc. Finally, the clearing of the land exhausted the timber supply, the potash and flour export trades diminished; the factories put the small local mechanics out of business, and when the railroads were built the routes of travel changed, and so the population of the village began to shrink.

Now, we come to Kettleby as it is to-day, by-passed by highways, but with many of its old landmarks still standing to remind us of the greatness of the village over one hundred years ago, and of the great and courageous pioneer spirit of our forefathers.

THE BIOGRAPHY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD TYRWHITT

The Tyrwhitts have a long and worthy history in England and Wales. The family has produced admirals for the navy, chaplains for the army on foreign service, men for the church, the bench and bar, and many other high offices in the state. The Tyrwhitts first became identified with this part of Upper Canada when Septimus Tyrwhitt, accompanied by his business associate, Charles Eaton, came to Upper Canada from England in 1836. They located a power site on a branch of the Holland River on the 4th concession of the Township of King, at Kettleby, in 1840, which had been indicated in the earliest surveyors' reports and here they established a big water-driven flour mill, woollen mill, oatmeal mill and distillery. One of the first fine houses in the township was erected on a beautiful commanding site overlooking the mills and the village. This house was built of mud brick with verandas on all sides, french door opened on three sides giving a beautiful view of the countryside. There were servants' quarters, stables, coach house and other buildings. (on the same site, and on part of the same foundation, now stands "Brunswick Hall" built in 1875 by Jacob Walton)



Rev. Richard Edward Tyrwhitt
who donated funds in 1842 for
the establishment of an
Episcopal Church

In a deed registered in 1843 Septimus Tyrwhitt and his wife, Marie Louise Tyrwhitt, and Charles Eaton and his wife, Jane Eaton, obligated themselves to the Rev. Richard Edmund Tyrwhitt, M.A., one of the Chaplains of the Presidency of Bombay in India, through a trustee "to assure the erection of a Protestant "Episcopale" Church at Kettleby or as near as may be thereto". This shows that the founding of religion and the establishment of a Church of England in a remote part of the Empire, was part of the undertaking and an unusual motive of religious principle of this distinguished family.

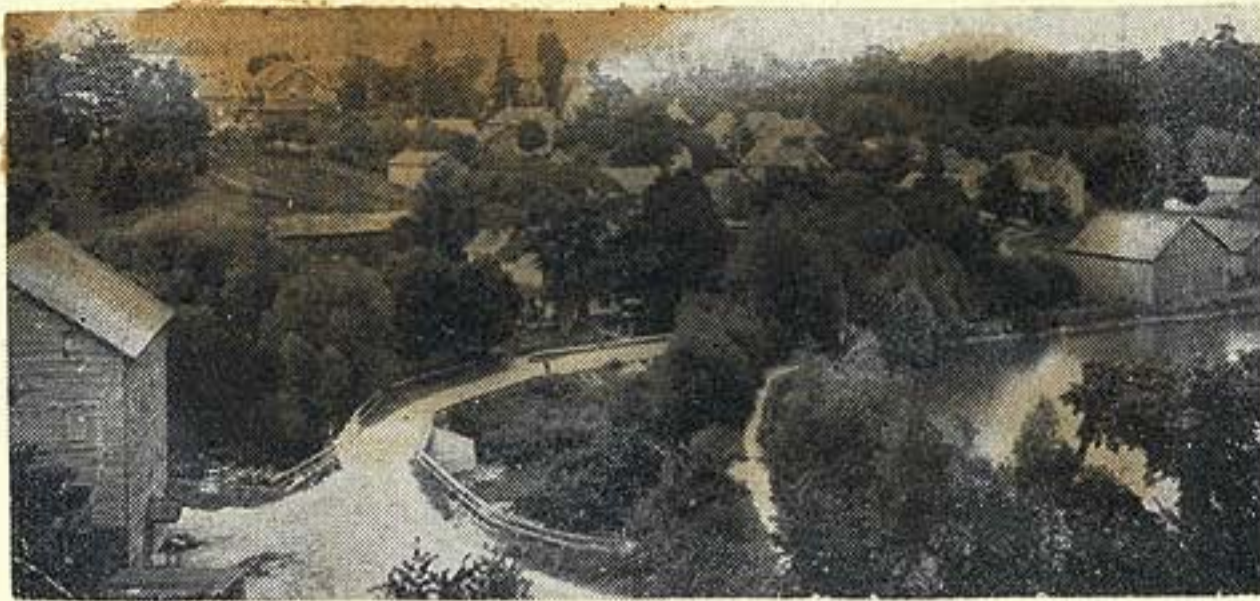
To carry out his trust Septimus Tyrwhitt deeded the 50 acres east part of lot 28, Concession 5, and it was always known as "The Glebe". (This is the property running from the 5th concession to Highway 400 on the south side)

THE BIOGRAPHY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD TYRWHITT - Cont'd.

Septimus Tyrwhitt had no children but he adopted a nephew and a niece when they became orphans. The nephew, Richard Tyrwhitt, had been sent to France to be educated, which served a useful purpose later in life, when he became a member of Parliament for the riding of South Simcoe and was for many years at Ottawa in the House of Commons. Septimus Tyrwhitt retained a strong affection for the scenes of his first business activities in Kettleby, and to the end of his days paid visits to the village.

Few families go farther back in history. From Burkes Peerage the story of the origin of the name and family crest is recorded. To quote: "Sir Hercules was knighted by William I and settled in Northumberland in 1067. He is said thus to have acquired the surname "Tyrwhitt". Severely wounded in defending a bridge, single handed against numerous assailants, at the moment he had succeeded in forcing them to retire, he fell exhausted among the flags and rushes of a swamp, while the attention of his party, who in the interim had rallied, was fortunately directed to the spot where he lay by a flock of lapwings or tyrwhitts screaming and hovering above, as is customary with these birds when disturbed in the vicinity of their nests".

The crest is a tyrwhitt with outspread wings and thus the family coat of arms was adopted as the regimental badge of the 36th Peel Regiment of which Lieutenant Colonel Richard Tyrwhitt was the commanding officer.



WE CAME TO KETTLEBY

Whoever comes to Kettleby, is one who's lost his
way,
Forgot to read his road map, or let his fancy stray,
And followed as it led him past a deserted mill,
Whose pond is full of grasses, whose wooden wheel
is still,
Where clinging to the hillside a few old houses
stand,
Looking down into a valley that cuts across the land.

They are gossiping together, and their canny country
lore,
Echoes decades of the talking and the shopping at the
store;
As if figures - fretwork figures - were set against
a screen,
And the houses were still climbing to see what might
be seen,
Across that lustrous valley brimfull of summer light,
And we looked too, and waited, and fell in love at
sight
The day we came to Kettleby, the day we lost our way,
Forgot to read our road map and let our fancy stray!

This poem was written by the late Mrs. John Garvin of
Toronto (Katherine Hale) noted lecturer and writer.



KETTLEBY AS OF 1980



When Kettleby's Main Street was muddy



LAKE SHORE
KETTLEBY



SHADOW LAKE
KETTLEBY





Mr. R. Hughey's black-
smith shop

Levi Watson, E. Williams,
Mina Jarvis Legge,
Viola Hughey Sibley and
Rankin Hughey



Mr. and Mrs. R. Hughey